Lab report grading criteria:

*We encourage working in teams (please do!), but EACH student must turn in a separate lab report.

Labs are due one week after the scheduled lab activity. If the labs are ‘in lab’ activities (as opposed to field trips), you may elect to hand them in right after lab, that’s fine. The internet lab (first lab), and field trip labs must be typed and neat. We welcome all labs typed! For labs that are not typed, they must be neat. If we can’t read them, you do not get a grade!

Field trip labs must have an introduction (what did you do?), and a conclusion (what did you learn/think?) in addition to answering the questions.

Labs are worth 10 points. **TURN THEM IN – THEY ADD UP!!**

A 10 point lab has the following:

- Is on time
- Is neat and organized
- Diagrams (if appropriate) are clear with a scale (size)
- All questions are answered (unless the instructor specifies otherwise) with some depth (thought) and detail.

9-9.5 points: If the lab has most of the above but maybe is lacking scale for drawings and may not be quite as thorough.

8-9 points: The lab is basically complete, but is a bit too brief.

7-8 points: Turned in on time but it’s a bit lame: missing stuff.

**For labs like the plankton, algae and invertebrates, I stress quality more than quantity, so if you diagram fewer organisms, but they are really well done (because you spent so much time with those three) I do not take points off for that.

LATE Labs: 2 points off for each week late. No labs will be graded after 3 weeks late. BUT you will receive 5 points for labs you attended (documented by turning in a lab). So, if you turn in a lab, even very late, it is not graded but looked over to see that you did the work, and you receive 5 points for it.