Customizable GORP for Your Individual Laboratory Learning Needs

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When you hear GORP, you likely think about trail mix, a mixture of nuts, dried fruit, and candies used to nourish hikers on their long sojourns in the wilderness. In this instance, however, GORP stands for General Observation and Reflection Platform, a free digital application developed and hosted by UC Davis but relying in part on earlier protocols developed for classroom and later lab observations. Yet, just like its nutritious homograph, GORP is customizable, allowing any stakeholder the opportunity to observe, catalog, and analyze virtually any activity over time in any learning setting. In this workshop, participants will learn how GORP can be applied to address the learning needs of the lab course educator. Participants in this workshop will have the opportunity to test sample protocols as well as learn the steps to create their own. It is recommended that participants bring their own digital devices in order to maximize their nourishment with GORP.

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