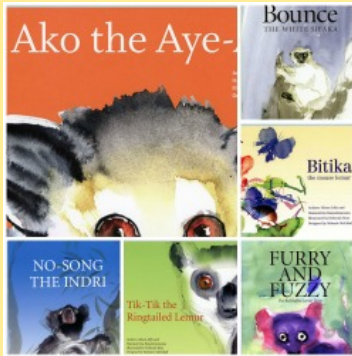




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Ansell with her twins, born in May at LCF's conservation habitats.

## MEET ANSELL'S NEW TWINS, BORN 24 MAY

Ring-tailed matriarch Ansell gave birth to two healthy infants on 24 May in LCF's forests. After just two weeks, the babies are already investigating their surroundings and climbing around on their mom! Ansell and the twins are living in the forest with their sire, Yuengling and Ansell's twins that were born in 2013, Allagash and Rogue.

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Family Group: Ansell, Yeungling, Allagash, Rogue, and the new twins!

Allagash and Rogue are becoming very helpful 'big sisters'. They are often observed grooming the babies and cuddling with Ansell. One baby was even seen clinging to Rogue while she climbed a tree, although Ansell was very quick to reclaim her wayward infant!

Images of Ansell and her family group are by Caitlin Kenney.



### Field Training School is in Session at LCF

LCF is dedicated to advancing knowledge of lemur husbandry, behavior, physiology, and conservation through our research and education programs. Our field training program has helped to launch careers in primate biology and conservation for a large number of university students. We are happy to welcome another year of enthusiastic and inspiring classes to field training school, and honored to have field programs led by distinguished faculty and researchers like Dr. Francine Dolins, Dr. Linda Taylor, and Dr. Natalie Vasey.

Dr. Natalie Vasey, Portland State University, is at LCF this week with a cohort of students. Students enrolled in her field training course come from institutions all over the country. They earn college credit and gain some remarkable and unique experience. [CLICK HERE](#) to get an idea about what field training school at LCF is like, in this presentation by Dr. Linda Taylor, University of Miami.

In May Dr. Francine Dolins, University of Michigan-Dearborn, taught a field training course at LCF. Here's what she says about the importance of the experience:

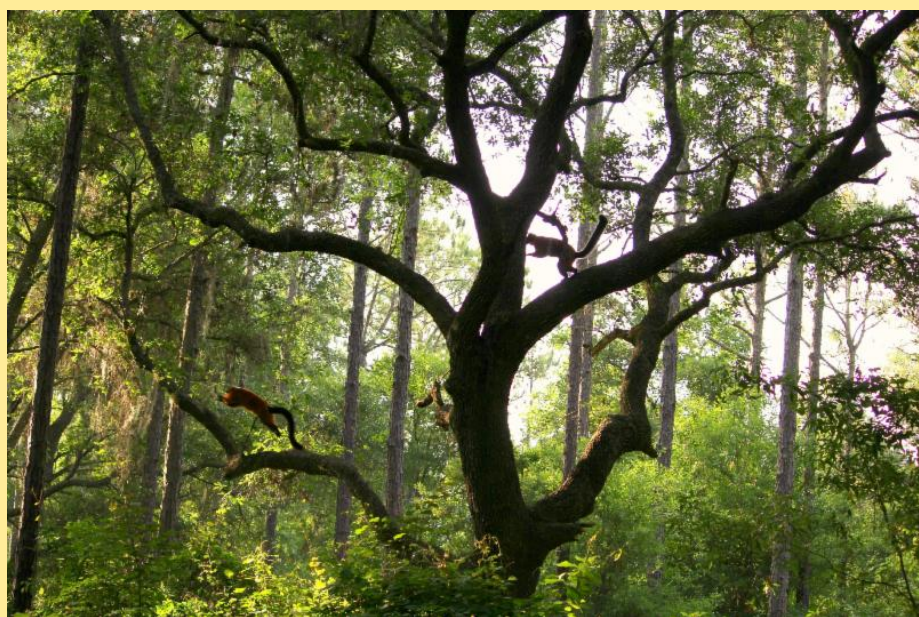
"The engaged learning that takes place during a primate field methods course supports strong academic standards. The students learn about ethological methods and nonhuman primate behavioral ecology by not only reading published materials and lectures, but by observing behaviors they previously only had described to them. In the field setting, they learn to recognize these behaviors first hand, which reinforces all the information they have absorbed about animal behavior in general, and primate and lemur behavior specifically. Moreover, the students are able to observe the behaviors in the context in which they are exhibited by the lemurs. That is, the context is very important to place the behaviors within



the social structure, foraging requirements, and other ecological variables influencing behavior. It is this depth of learning that I strive for students to experience.... I also chose to teach a Primate Field Methods course because I would like to see the field of Comparative Psychology continue on into the future. The distinction between lab and field research has become greater because of funding issues (lack of), but the science has become more entwined as we learn more about primate species' cognitive and behavioral capabilities and requirements. Primatologists of the future will need multiple skills to maintain healthy research trajectories, and to address the conservation needs as human populations increase and climate change becomes more apparent and more destructive on extant, endangered species and environments."

#### [READ DR. DOLINS' COMMENTS HERE](#)

**What do students say about their experience?** "The week I spent at LCF I came away with more than a family of lemurs that will forever hold a place in my heart, but an experience quite unlike I had ever had before. I first heard Dr. Dolin's passion for her work in my psychology honors seminar and I knew I wanted to take part in one of her classes. When I saw the opportunity to take part in a summer course in primate field methods, I dove straight in even though I really did not know at the time what I was getting myself into. Previously, I had not had the chance to take animal behavior, but as a psychology major I was well versed in trying to understand the complex behavior of one animal in particular, man. At first, during the beginning of the course I was intimidated by how knowledgeable everyone else was even though I have always been an avid animal lover, there was still so much I had to learn. During my week long



stay on the reserve, and really one of the greatest benefits of the trip was that I was able to get to know four other amazing girls and that I learned so much from them in the process. I really grew as a person as part of my experience. After listening to the heartbreaking stories of the lemurs and the great apes it really opened my eyes. I had already made it my mission to fight for both social justice and human rights, but my knowledge of the plight of so many animals was only the tip of the iceberg. I can only hope that I can continue to improve the lives of not just human beings, but animals as well as I continue with my education and pursue my dream of becoming a psychologist. I am so grateful to the wonderful team at the lemur conservation foundation. It was amazing to have the opportunity to take part in husbandry projects and go up on the observation decks. My experience would have not been the same if not for everyone at LCF. I can only hope that I can spread my newfound awareness and knowledge to my friends and family."

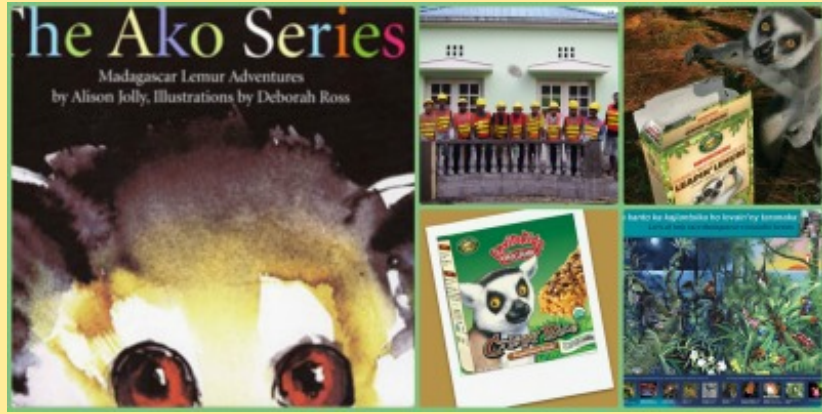
- Nicole Mazur, University of Michigan- Dearborn



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