

# MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

## NINTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHEASTERN BAT DIVERSITY NETWORK AND FOURTEENTH COLLOQUIUM ON THE CONSERVATION OF MAMMALS IN THE SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES

The Ninth Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Bat Diversity Network and Fourteenth Annual Colloquium on the Conservation of Mammals in the Southeastern United States will be held at Unicoi State Park, Helen, Georgia, on 12-13 February 2004, hosted by the Warnell School of Forest Resources at the University of Georgia.

The following document contains the necessary information for the meeting, including information on registration and submission of abstracts. Abstracts, which must be accompanied by a registration form, are due by 9 January 2004. Those not submitting abstracts may register in advance or at the meeting. Please note other important dates and deadlines. Please distribute this announcement to other students or colleagues that might be interested in attending

These meetings are an excellent opportunity to present research results and interact with students and professionals interested in mammal conservation in the southeastern United States. We hope you will all take the opportunity to attend and we look forward to seeing you in February. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions.

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# NINTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHEASTERN BAT DIVERSITY NETWORK

## FOURTEENTH COLLOQUIUM ON THE CONSERVATION OF MAMMALS IN THE SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES

12-13 February 2004

Unicoi State Park, Georgia

Hosted by the  
Warnell School of Forest Resources  
University of Georgia

**Meeting Times:** The ninth annual meeting of the Southeastern Bat Diversity Network will be held from 1:00 – 5:00 pm on Thursday 12 February. The fourteenth annual Colloquium on the Conservation of Mammals in the Southeastern United States will be held from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm on Friday 13 February. A social for all participants will be held from 7:00 – 10:00 pm on Thursday 12<sup>February</sup>.

**Registration:** Advanced registration is \$30.00 for non-students and \$15.00 for students and is due 9 January 2004 (by 5PM EST). On-site registration is \$40.00 for non-students and \$20.00 for students. Registration includes both meetings, conference materials, refreshments at breaks, and the social. Abstracts are due 9 January 2004 and must be accompanied by a registration form and payment. On-site registration will be from 11:00AM – 5:00PM Thursday and 8:00AM – 12:00PM Friday.

**Meeting Site:** Both meetings and the social will be held at the Unicoi State Park conference center.

**Lodging:** A block of rooms has been reserved for this meeting at Unicoi State Park. Reserved room rates for the meetings are \$55.00/night. Reserved rooms will be available on a first-come-first-served basis until **12 January**, so make reservations early to guarantee the reduced rate. We also have 4 cabins that can accommodate up to 8 people that can be reserved for large groups on a first-come-first-serve basis. Make reservations directly through the Unicoi reservation office at 706-878-2201 under "Mammal Colloquium."

There are several other hotels in Helen, which is about 2 miles from Unicoi. Some are listed below and others can be found via the web. Reviews of Helen hotels can be found at [http://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g35004-Helen\\_Georgia-Vacations.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g35004-Helen_Georgia-Vacations.html).

### Hotels in Helen

Country Inn And Suites, 877 Edelweiss Strasse, 706-878-9000

Comfort Inn, 101 Edelweiss Strasse, 706-878-8000

Super 8, 8396 S. Main St., 866-833-9330

Ramada Limited, 11 Edelweiss St., 866-833-9330

Days Inn, S Main Street (1/2 mi from Center of Town), 866-833-9330

Best Western, 8220 S Main St, 706-878-2111

**Food:** Unicoi has a buffet-style restaurant located in the lodge where the meeting will be held. Prices are \$6.95 (plus tax) for breakfast, \$7.95 for lunch, and \$9.95 for dinner. A variety of other restaurants are available in Helen.

**Directions:** From Helen, travel northwest on GA 17/75 for about one mile, turn right onto Hwy 356 and follow the signs. After you enter Unicoi and cross the dam over the lake, the conference center is just ahead on the right.

For driving directions from various points throughout the surrounding area, visit <http://www.unicoilodge.com/directions.pdf> on the Unicoi State Park web site.

**Air Travel:** Unicoi State Park is located within a 3-hour drive from 3 major airports. Athens Airport is the closest to Unicoi at about 70 miles, which takes about 2 hours driving time. The Atlanta and the Greenville, South Carolina, airports are both about 100 miles, both of which take about 2.5 to 3 hours driving time.

**Other Activities:** Unicoi State Park is located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Northeast Georgia, directly adjacent to the 750,000 acre Chattahoochee National Forest. Unicoi has 12 miles of hiking trails, 8 miles of mountain biking trails, and tent and RV camping. The Chattahoochee National Forest has additional hiking, biking, and camping opportunities. Several year-round trout streams are located on the National Forest in the vicinity of Unicoi. Other points of interest within a short driving distance include, Brasstown Bald (the highest point in Georgia), Anna Ruby Falls, Moccasin Creek State Park, Vogel State Park, and Amicalola Falls State Park. The Appalachian Trail passes within a few miles of the park.

**T-shirts:** Meeting T-shirts will be available for advanced purchase for \$12.00 each. Please indicate the size and quantity on the registration form and include payment along with your registration fee. A limited number of T-shirts may be available for sale at the meeting.

# TENTATIVE AGENDA

## Thursday, 12 February 2004

11:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration open
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Special session
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Break
3:15 pm – 5:00 pm	SBDN Business Meeting
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner on your own
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Social (snacks and drinks provided)

## Friday, 13 February 2004

8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Registration open
8:15 am – 8:30 am	Welcome and announcements
8:30 am – 10:00 am	Paper sessions
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Break and refreshments
10:15 am – 12:00 pm	Paper sessions
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch on your own
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Paper sessions
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Break and refreshments
3:15 pm – 4:30 pm	Paper sessions
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Presentation of the Award for Best Student Paper; selection of meeting site for 2005; closing remarks.

# REGISTRATION FORM

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Registration: \$30.00 non-student, \$15.00 student

Make checks payable to: "SBDN/Mammal Colloquium." Receipts for registration will be available at the meeting.

Name (to appear on name tag): \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Check here if you are presenting a paper \_\_\_\_ Oral or \_\_\_\_ Poster

\_\_\_\_ Check here if you are a student

\_\_\_\_ Check here if you plan to attend the social Thursday night

T-shirt: Indicate size and quantity in the blank --\$12.00/ each (Payment must be included with this form)

\_\_\_\_ Small \_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_ X-large \_\_\_\_ XX-large

Send this form and payment to:

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Abstracts for presentation will be accepted until 9 January 2004. Abstracts should be < 300 words and include name, organization, and address of authors, title, study justification, objectives, brief methods, summarized results, and discussion of results. Submit abstracts electronically in Microsoft Word format to Steven Castleberry at [scastle@forestry.uga.edu](mailto:scastle@forestry.uga.edu). Please underline the name of the author that will be presenting the paper. Please indicate if abstract is for an oral or poster presentation. A total of 15 minutes will be allotted for oral presentations, including time for answering questions. **All oral presentations must be on Microsoft PowerPoint.** Early submission of presentations via e-mail is strongly encouraged and will be accepted until 5:00PM on 10 February. Presentations brought to the meeting must be on CD-rom (no Zip disks or floppy disks).

Follow the format guidelines below when preparing your abstract (see example title below):

- Title should be in all capital letters, bold, and centered at the top of the page
- Include names and current addresses of authors after the title
- Italicize addresses of authors
- Underline the name of the presenter
- Indicate student presenters with an asterisk (\*)
- Use 12-point Times New Roman font
- Use 1-inch margins on all sides
- Left Justify only

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## **GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION OF POSTERS**

- A. Should be no larger than 48 x 48 inches.
- B. Should be readable from a distance of 2 meters.
- C. Title should be capitalized with lettering at least 2 cm high (72 pt).
- D. Authors and institutional affiliations should be in upper- and lower-case lettering at least 11 mm high (42 pt).
- E. Text lettering should be at least 5 mm high (18 pt) with a line thickness of at least 1 mm.
- F. Information should be well organized and concisely presented. Most posters include the following sections: Abstract, Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results and Discussion, Conclusions, Literature Cited.
- G. Keep written text to a minimum. “Bullets” and short phrases are effective. Use no more than six illustrations (large graphs, flow charts, diagrams, and photographs). Keep captions and legends short and informative.