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**The New York Chapter
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Overlook at the Arnot Forest

Newsletter

- New York Chapter-The Wildlife Society 🍁
2003 Fall Field Meeting

Research and Conservation in a Sustainably Managed Forest

When: Thursday, October 2 - Friday, October 3

Where: Cornell Department of Natural Resources' Arnot Forest (www.dnr.cornell.edu/arnot), Van Etten, NY. The Arnot Forest is a 4,200-acre working forest, located in the hilly, forested Southern Tier region of NY State.

What: Cornell's Department of Natural Resources develops and administers programming at the Arnot Forest via a philosophy that integrates environmental conservation with sustainable management. A mixture of forested habitats, open fields, ponds, and streams, and field campus facilities provide an excellent setting for conservation and outreach efforts. The Arnot is the largest actively managed forest owned by Cornell University, and provides a place for faculty and students to carry out the three-part mission of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences – teaching, extension, and research – in service to the citizens of New York.

Come out and learn about on-going, applied research on amphibians and reptiles, Quality Deer Management, and the effects of forest management on wildlife. Visit demonstration areas that show wildlife habitat enhancement techniques, and see deer exclosures that clearly tell the tale of how deer affect forest regeneration. Test your knowledge in Thursday evening's 'Wildlife Quiz Bowl' and enjoy the opportunity to interact with student members, all while taking in the incredible fall scenery at the Arnot Forest!!!

2003 Fall Field Meeting Program Agenda:

Thursday

5:00 pm – Dinner at the Lodge

6:30 pm - Quiz bowl (hosted by the Fingerlakes Community College Student Chapter)

* Bunk-style lodging is available on Thursday night at the Arnot Forest for a fee of \$15/person for regular members, and \$10/person for student members.

Friday

8:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am Tour the Interactive Amphibian and Reptile Demonstration Trail and research sites

10:00 am Visit the sustainable forestry demonstration area

11:00 am Learn about the Earn-A-Buck program (a version of Quality Deer Management) and visit deer exclosures

12:30 pm Lunch (provided)

1:45 pm Forest management effects on salamanders

3:00 pm Birds and Forest management

4:00 pm Adjourn

Directions to the Arnot Forest: (map at www.dnr.cornell.edu/arnot)

From the North (Ithaca): Take NY Route 13 South (toward Elmira) from Ithaca. Approximately 4 miles from the intersection of Routes 13, 34, and 96, turn left at the intersection of Route 13 and Trumbulls Corners Road just before the Newfield Post Office. Turn right on Main Street at the “T”. Take the first left past the People’s Baptist Church, onto VanKirk Road. Proceed approximately 4 miles, bear to the left at the Irish Hill Road intersection. Travel 3 miles to the steep driveway on the right, just before the gate to the Arnot Forest (also on the right). Follow the driveway to the lodge.

From the Southwest (Elmira, Horseheads): Take NY Route 13 North (toward Ithaca) from Horseheads, turning right onto NY 224 at Alpine Junction. Proceed approximately 6 miles, turn left on County Route #13 and proceed 1.4 miles to the steep camp driveway on the left, just after the gate to the Arnot Forest (also on the left). Follow the driveway to the lodge.

Directions from Southeast (Binghamton, NY and I-81): Take NY Route 17 West. Exits 64 & 65 will access Owego via 17C or Owego directly from Exit 66 (note that Exit 66 is currently closed). From Owego, go north on Rt 96 towards Candor, making sure to bear left at the light and bridge just north of Owego where 96 diverges from Rt 38 towards Richford. In Candor, bear left on 96 (96B goes north to Ithaca) towards Spencer. In Spencer, take 34 South (go straight at the stop light) towards Van Etten. In Van Etten, the road changes to Rt. 224 north towards Cayuta and Alpine. About 4 miles west of Van Etten, just after crossing in Schuyler County, turn right (north) onto County Rt. 13 (this is not NY Rt. 13). Go north for 1.2 miles and when you reach the second bridge you've reached the Arnot Forest on your left. The gated road goes into the forest and the road up the steep hill is into the field campus.

2003 FALL FIELD MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

Yes, I will be attending the New York Chapter of The Wildlife Society Fall Field Meeting and the following registration fee is enclosed:

- ____ Students - \$20
- ____ Chapter Member - \$40.00
- ____ Non-member - \$50.00 (Includes one year NY Chapter membership)

____ I wish to stay at the Arnot Forest on Thursday night for an additional cost of \$15 (\$10 for students). (Bring sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, towel and flashlight).

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Please complete and return this registration form with payment by **September 22nd, 2003**

Return to:
Kristi Sullivan
Cornell University
109 Fernow Hall
Ithaca, NY 14853

Make check payable to: NY Chapter The Wildlife Society

President's Column

Lynn Braband

Upcoming Activities

This will be a busy fall for the Chapter. TWS's annual meeting is "next door" in Burlington, Vermont in early September (and may already be over by the time you receive this newsletter). As always, the schedule is packed with valuable interactions. If you can at all make the meeting, please do.

I have always enjoyed the experiences of our Fall Field Meetings. In early October, this year's meeting will convene at the Arnot Forest outside of Ithaca. Hoping that this will be the start of a regular pattern, one of our student chapters (Finger Lakes Community College this year) will have a major role in the fall meeting. Included will be a professional/student quiz bowl. Should be lots of fun!

Before the year is out, we hope to organize another "pilot" regional meeting., this time in western New York. We need a Chapter member or members to arrange a location for what will likely be an evening event. The Executive Committee will take care of refreshments and other logistics. We anticipate a "draw" (such as a relevant speaker or presentation) followed by a time of largely informal interaction. Although open to all Chapter members and guests, the major target will be members and students in the western part (Rochester/Buffalo) of our state.

Initial plans are being made for the Chapter's 2004 annual meeting in late winter. Included in this issue of the newsletter are calls for nominations for Chapter awards and officers. All Executive

Committee officers except President-Elect are up for election. Please carefully consider your role in nominating and running for these key positions.

Musings on Professionalism

TWS prides itself on being an organization of professionals. What is a professional? To me, a professional is more than getting paid to do a job, having technical expertise, or even having certain academic degrees. A wildlife professional is concerned about not only her/his own interests but also the interests of the wildlife resource and the broader society. I recently read that behavioral standards (Codes of Ethics) separate professions from trade guilds.

Wildlifers have a tendency to define our profession by our work context, e.g. government employment. (It is hard to imagine the "prototype" professions of medicine, law, and engineering defining themselves by employment status.) Given our history and the legal responsibilities for wildlife stewardship, this is understandable. But it is also somewhat risky. First, working for a government agency does not guarantee that an individual will function professionally. Also, there might be a tendency to expect non-government wildlife biologists, especially those employed in the for-profit sector, to perform unprofessionally.

TWS certification promotes an important and broader view of professionalism. Started because of a concern to validate credentials outside of government employment, the program has recently become an important process for several government agencies. Certification helps to define and uphold our professional standards across employment boundaries.

Call for Nominations

The Nominations and Awards Committee is soliciting nominations for the offices of Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The successful candidates will take office at the Annual Meeting in February and serve for two years. The Committee is also soliciting nominations for the awards listed below.

Outstanding Professional: This award is made to a wildlife management professional, or group of professionals working together, for outstanding accomplishments in the profession of wildlife management in New York State.

Outstanding Conservationist: This award is made to an individual, or group of individuals working together, outside the wildlife management profession, for significant contributions to the field of wildlife management.

Stuart Free Award: This award is made to an individual or group whose tenacious effort and diligent professional service has inspired their peers and made significant cumulative contribution but one that often has been overlooked or taken for granted.

Outstanding Student: Awards will be considered for outstanding students in the following two categories:

- **Outstanding Graduate from a Four-year School:** The student must be finishing or have received a bachelor's degree from an accredited New York State institution and have demonstrated high quality academic achievement and leadership in an undergraduate program.

- **Outstanding Graduate from a Two-year School:** The student must be finishing or have received an associate's degree from an accredited New York State institution and have demonstrated high quality academic achievement and leadership in an undergraduate program.

Honorary Member: Honorary membership recognizes an individual for his or her important contributions and achievements. Honorary Chapter members need not pay Chapter dues.

Please submit your nominations by November 30, 2002. Nominations should be sent to Charlie Smith at crs6@cornell.edu or by calling (607) 255-3219.

Tentative Dates and Theme Set for 2004 NY-TWS Annual Meeting

When: February 5th and 6th 2004
Where: SUNY-ESF Adirondack Ecology Center, Newcomb, NY
Tentative Theme: Managing Wildlife in Forested Ecosystems

Details and more information will be available in the next newsletter.

50 in 5 CAMPAIGN

A stewardship project to better position the NY Chapter TWS to serve the wildlife resource and profession of New York State.

In the fall of 2001 the membership approved a program plan and a financial plan with a goal to build a stable base fund - \$50k - for a more effective (\$5,000) annual program - in five years. To reach this goal we need: modest occasional fund-raisers and corporate donations (\$1,800), registration and publication earnings associated with special professional events (\$4,800), investment returns (\$18,000), and most importantly member contributions (\$11,400) of \$20/member/year for five years. Please consider making a lump sum donation of \$100 or an annual contribution of \$20/year.

For details see Winter 2002 newsletter or contact:
Lynn Braband LAB45@cornell.edu or
David Adams djadams@gw.dec.state.ny.us

Contributions should be sent to NY Chapter TWS,
David Adams, NYS DEC,
625 Broadway, Floor 5, Albany, NY 12233-4754

Reminder

Conference - "Enhancing the Forest Watershed"

November 1, 2003. Attend a regional conference and learn how forests and forest management affect water quality. Discover why forests are important to maintain water quality, the role of riparian forests and how to management them, and how water move through forest soils. Concurrent sessions will address riparian buffer management, forest-fish interactions, best management practices, streamside restoration and more.

The conference will be at the Treadway Inn in Owego, NY. Pre-registration of \$25 per person is required by October 10th and includes lunch, breaks, and conference materials. Conference sponsors include Bradford-Sullivan Forest Owners Association, NYFOA, CCE, PSU, and many more. For registration information or to participate as a vendor with a booth contact Bob Hansen at PSU Cooperative Extension at (570) 265-2896 or by email at rsh7@psu.edu

National News

TWS Brochure Being Updated – Photos Needed - We are updating the general brochure about TWS and are in need of some sharp, high contrast photos to incorporate. In fact, we're always in need of good quality photos that portray people (including students) involved with and benefiting from TWS activities--on field trips, at meetings and conclaves and quiz bowls, at our conferences, the Council at work, etc. We also have need for shots showing biologists/managers working with wildlife. If you can help or know someone who can, please contact our Managing Editor Bill Rooney at bill@wildlife.org

Section and Chapter Dues for 2004 - In the next week or 2 you will be receiving a request from us for the amount your dues for 2004. We include this information on our dues renewal forms and new member applications to help you collect dues from TWS members. We go to the printer with our forms in early August, so it is very important that you respond promptly to our request. Just a heads up and thank you.

GOT DATA? Consider publishing in *Northeast Wildlife*, the technical journal of the Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society. University and college faculty and students are particularly encouraged to submit articles.

For details, contact Martyn Obbard, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 7000, 300 Water Street, 3rd Floor North, Peterborough, Ontario, CANADA K9J8M5, (705) 755-1549,

E-mail: martyn.obbard@mnr.gov.on.ca

**11th Annual Conference of
The Wildlife Society
Calgary, Alberta, Canada,
September 18-22, 2004**

**CALL FOR SYMPOSIUM, WORKSHOP,
AND SPECIAL POSTER SESSION
PROPOSALS**

Deadline: October 31, 2003

Proposals for symposia, workshops, and special poster sessions are invited for the 11th Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society. Symposia, workshops, and special poster sessions should be technical in nature and focus on topics of wildlife science, management, education, or policy within the broad theme of *Excellence in Wildlife Stewardship through Science and Education*.

Symposia are comprised of a series of presentations that address aspects of a single topic. Symposia usually are a half day; however, requests for a full day may be considered depending upon available space.

Workshops provide training on a specific skill, technique, or process and may involve one or more instructors. Workshops should not promote a commercial product, product line, or company. If the nature of the workshop requires demonstration of specific products, then at least two companies must be invited to participate. These companies also would be expected to participate in the trade show at regular booth fees. Workshops are intended to emphasize learning through participation, discussion, and "hands-on" activities. For this reason, workshop organizers must specify an upper limit on attendance. A lower limit also is required if a special registration fee is charged. Workshops may request a half or full day. Workshops are scheduled on Saturday, the day before the other sessions begin.

Workshops may charge a special registration fee upon approval of The Wildlife Society. Fees typically are to cover the expense of workbooks,

materials, or special equipment. Workshop organizers who are requesting a special registration fee must submit a budget with a detailed estimate of allowable expenses (see previous sentence), projected income from outside sponsors, and a proposed registration fee. The Wildlife Society will add a handling fee onto the proposed registration fee. Workshops sponsored by TWS working groups also may include an administrative fee for the working group.

Special poster sessions are similar to symposia, but presentations are by poster rather than oral. Special poster sessions provide an opportunity for one-on-one dialogue between presenters and attendees. Space for special poster sessions is very limited. Special poster sessions are scheduled for a half or full day, depending upon available space. Organizers should plan on approximately 30 posters.

Session Scheduling: Symposia and special poster sessions are scheduled to run concurrently with contributed paper and poster sessions. Workshops are scheduled the day before the main conference.

Responsibilities of Session Organizer: Organizers are responsible for coordinating with the Program Committee Chair, planning their sessions, selecting instructors or presenters, soliciting abstracts from all presenters (symposia and special poster sessions only), collating and submitting abstracts to the Program Committee Chair, communicating with all instructors or presenters, moderating their sessions, and meeting all deadlines. Guidelines for preparing and submitting abstracts will be posted on TWS's website by December 1, 2003. Final session agenda and abstracts will be due by February 27, 2004.

Please note that The Wildlife Society does not pay registration fees, travel expenses, or honoraria for symposium, workshop, or special poster session organizers or presenters. Organizers may seek outside sponsors for these expenses, if necessary.

Proposal Requirements

All proposals must include a cover page with the following information: (1) session type (symposium, workshop, or special poster session), (2) preferred session length (half or full day), (3) session title (nine words maximum), (4) organizer(s) (name, affiliation, city, state/province), (5) sponsor(s) (institution/group sponsoring the session, if appropriate; for example, a TWS working group), and (6) contact information for the person responsible for the session (name, address, telephone, fax, and e-mail). The body of the proposal should begin on a new page and should include: (7) a statement of purpose and (8) a detailed description of the session including a list of proposed topics and speakers. The body of the proposal may not exceed four pages.

Workshop proposals must include the following additional information on the cover page: (9) workshop registration fee, if needed, (10) minimum attendance (required only if a workshop registration fee is to be charged), and (11) maximum attendance (required for all workshops). Workshops that propose to charge a registration fee must attach: (12) a budget.

Proposal Submission

Send a MS Word (preferred) or Rich Text Format (RTF) file of the proposal via e-mail to the Program Committee at tws2004@ms.umanitoba.ca by October 31, 2003. Proposals received after the deadline date will be considered only if space is available. A notice of receipt will be sent by e-mail. If you do not receive notification of receipt within 7 days or have any questions about proposal submission, please contact Program Committee Chair Rick Baydack at baydack@ms.umanitoba.ca.

Proposal Evaluation and Notice of Decision

Proposals will be judged on timeliness of the subject, importance to the profession and/or

contribution to science, and the overall quality of the written proposal. Submissions from TWS working groups are especially encouraged and receive an extra point in the ranking process. Applicants will be notified whether their proposals have been accepted or not by December 15, 2003.

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The Wildlife Society
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Please Check: New Renewal Regular Student

“50 in 5” Contribution: \$20.00 for 2002 Other: _____

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