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New York State Chapter- The Wildlife Society



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Message from the President

The summer is coming to a close. So, what's in store for the NYS Chapter?

I can not believe how fast summer has gone! It seems that each year goes by faster and faster. Time is now approaching for NYTWS' Fall Field Meeting. This year it is being held nearly as far north in New York as you can go. Rich LeClerc at Fort Drum has graciously agreed to host this year's meeting on October 19 and 20, please see the announcement and registration materials on this.

Our Annual Conference and Business meeting is in the planning stages. It is scheduled for February 21 – 23, 2006 and will be held at the Treadway Inn in Owego, NY. So, mark you calendars and plan on attending.

TWS is working toward improving TWS to improve its service to members and to that end has prepared a new 5-year strategic plan that will serve as a template for moving the Society toward the goal. Changes with the publications will become visible over this next year, member-

ship options will be changing, and TWS is looking for ideas on how to make the Society more responsive to its members. The Society's web page is being gradually improved and it is becoming more user friendly, see www.wildlife.org.

The NY Chapter needs to be more responsive as well, but to do this we need member input and participation.



A few individuals on the Executive Committee, while very dedicated to our Chapter, cannot do everything. A members experience with the Society is very much dependent on what you are willing to bring to it. We have ample opportunity to participate through presenting at the Annual Meeting and attending the Fall Field meetings. Additionally, there are several committees that have no chair or members and we have been responding to legislative issues largely

through the efforts of one or two members. We all have extremely busy schedules but a few hours here and there make a difference, and most of the work is done in short intense bursts of time. So, please consider participating.

-Tim Green, President



TWS Websites:

www.wildlife.org/chapters/ny/

www.cobleskill.edu/nychapters

www.esf.edu/org/tws

www.wildlife.org

Message From the Editor:

Please send any information you would like to see published in the Fall Newsletter in Microsoft Word format to Valorie Titus (vtitus@bnl.gov) by November 1, 2006. Any photos are also welcome! Thanks!

New York Chapter-The Wildlife Society 2006 Fall Field Meeting

**Fort Drum Military Installation, Home of the 10th Mountain Division
Supporting and Enhancing Military Training through an Integrated
Natural Resources Management Program**



When: Thursday, October 19 - Friday, October 20, 2006

Where: Fort Drum Military Installation, Fort Drum, NY

*All attendees will need a picture ID to enter via the gate

*Cameras ARE allowed. There will be many opportunities for great photos

What: Located in the North Country (just northeast of Watertown), Fort Drum is a 107,000+-ac. military installation dedicated to supporting our military mission through the professional management of natural resources. Fort Drum was honored by being awarded the 2004 Department of Army and the Department of Defense *Natural Resources Conservation Awards*. These awards recognized Fort Drum's Natural Resources Conservation Program as the "best of the best" throughout the entire Department of Defense, which manages over 25 million acres nationwide. Check out the Fort Drum Fish and Wildlife Management Program's website at <http://www.drum.army.mil/garrison/pw/fishandwild.html>.

Join Rich LeClerc, Chief, Natural Resources Branch; Ray Rainbolt, Fish and Wildlife Program Manager; Chris Dobony, Fish and Wildlife Biologist; and the other Fort Drum natural resources professionals for a couple of beautiful fall days in the foothills of the Adirondacks, and in the St. Lawrence Valley Plains, as we explore the following topics:

- The comprehensive, and paperless, Natural Resources Management Unit (NRMU) framework established and being utilized for all data collection, analysis and management activities
- Black bear project being conducted jointly with Cornell University
- Early-successional habitat management activities being done in cooperation with Ruffed Grouse Society
- Indiana bat update
- Compensatory wetland mitigation sites
- Access and Recreational Permit process
- On-going forest management activities
- Visit extensive grassland, shrubland, and other open-vegetative communities

Overnight Accommodations: A block of rooms have been held at the Microtel, Calcium, NY. 315-629-5000. If we book a minimum of 12 rooms as a group, price will be \$50, \$54 otherwise. **Make reservations by Oct. 5.** All rooms include one queen-sized bed, microwave, fridge, free high-speed wireless internet, free long distance, and free continental breakfast.

<http://www.microtelinn.com/reservations/locationdetail.asp?facid=4&c=amenities>

Bunk, shower, bathroom, and kitchen accommodations (bring bedding, towels, food) are available at Jefferson Co. 4-H camp for \$13 per person. Call Kristen Dodge 315-788-8450. **Make reservations by Oct 5.**

<http://media.cce.cornell.edu/hosts/counties/jefferson/campwabasso.asp>

Program Agenda

Thurs. Sept. 19 Lloyd's Landing Lodge

4:00 p.m. -- Registration. Arrive, mingle, walk around the recreation area with pond and nature trail

5:30 Welcome -- Tim Green, President NY TWS Chapter

Welcome and introduction to various projects at Ft. Drum -- Richard LeClerc

6:00 Social and dinner

7:00 Evening program:

Announcements

Ongoing black bear research at Ft. Drum -- Mike Wegan, Cornell University graduate student

9:00 Adjourn

Friday Sept. 20

Breakfast on your own

8:00 a.m. Field Tour of Ft. Drum, meet at Nat. Res. Permit Office (Bldg. S-2509) on Rt. 26 (near Black River)

Black bear project, grassland habitat, beaver management, wetlands mitigation banking, early-successional habitats, bat project, forest management.

Noon Adjourn (fast food nearby)

12:30 Business meeting, all welcomed, in bldg. T-4848 (Rich's office bldg.)

Directions to Fort Drum, NY

From Syracuse area, take I-81 North to Exit 48 (Rte. 342).
 At the 2nd traffic light, turn left onto Rte. 11 North.
 At the 2nd traffic light, stay in left lane and enter Fort Drum, NY (need picture ID).
 Go through 1st traffic light, stay on North Memorial Dr. around the loop (it becomes South Memorial Dr.) to next traffic light at 4th Street.
 Take left onto 4th St., then first left onto Pearl St. to Remington Park (big sign).
 Follow road to Lloyd's Landing Lodge on right side.

From Utica area, take Rte. 12 North into Lowville.
 Stay straight in Lowville onto Rte. 26 North.
 Cross the Black River onto Fort Drum.
 At the 2nd traffic light (2 close together), turn left and enter Fort Drum, NY (need picture ID).
 Take right onto 4th St., then right onto Pearl St. to Remington Park (big sign just before traffic light).
 Follow road to Lloyd's Landing Lodge on right side.

2006 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 (**includes Thurs. dinner**)

- _____ Students - \$15
- _____ Chapter Member - \$40.00
- _____ Non-member - \$50.00 (Includes one year NY Chapter membership)

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone : (_____) _____
 E-mail: _____

Please complete and return this registration form with payment by **October 12th, 2006**

Return to:
 Gary Goff
 104 Fernow Hall
 Cornell University
 Ithaca, NY 14853

Make check payable to: NY Chapter: The Wildlife Society



Call for nominations: Awards

The Nomination and Awards Committee is seeking nominations for the following awards:

Outstanding Professional: This award will be made to a wildlife professional, or group of wildlife professionals working together, for outstanding professional accomplishments in the wildlife field in New York State. Included in the criteria for judging the professional excellence of the nominees will be contributions to knowledge, innovation, importance, applicability, and leadership in any facet of wildlife work including research, management, preservation, conservation, administration, education, and enforcement. Nominees for the award need not be members of NY-TWS. The person making the nomination must be a currently active member of NY-TWS, NE Section of TWS, National TWS, or a student TWS Chapter.

Outstanding Conservationist: This award will be made to an individual, or group of individuals working together, outside the wildlife profession for significant contributions to the field of wildlife management; for furthering public understanding of the wildlife resource; or for developing, initiating, or coordinating programs in the wildlife management field which have notably enhanced the wildlife resource in New York State.

Stuart Free Award: This award acknowledges a legacy of diligent, focused, hard work. The award will recognize the effort of individuals or groups who have exhibited tenacious effort and diligent professional service in a manner that is inspiring to their peers, and a cumulative contribution that has been overlooked or taken for granted. Like the Outstanding Professional Award, it is intended to encourage and reward the work, accomplishments and important contributions of an individual or group as opposed to a specific accomplishment.

Honorary Members: This designation is conferred to persons who, by a majority vote of all Chapter members, have been thus recognized for their achievements; they do not pay dues but have all benefits of membership.

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

Outstanding graduate from a four-year school. The student must have received a bachelor's degree from a New York State institution.

Outstanding graduate from a two-year school. The student must have received an associate's degree from a New York State institution.

Procedure:

Letters of nomination should be as detailed and specific as possible and reflect the true quality of the candidates. Selection of the recipients of the awards will be based entirely on the information submitted about the nominee to the Nominations and Awards Committee. Each nomination must be received by December 31 and should include the following information:

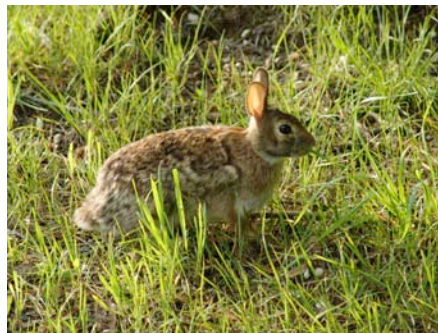
1. Nominee's full name, present position or institution, address, and phone number.
2. A clear statement supporting the nomination including specific information on the nature of the accomplishment (who, what, where, when, why). General statements are very difficult to evaluate.
3. Supporting information such as publications, newspaper articles about the candidate or his/her programs, photographs; letters of recommendation from peers, supervisors and teachers; listing of outside activities, community service, volunteer organizations, etc.

Please submit your nominations for Chapter awards, with supporting information, By January 15, 2006 to:

Tim Green
Brookhaven National Laboratory
Bldg. 120
P.O. Box 5000
Upton, NY 11973
631-344-3091
tgreen@bnl.gov



Call for nominations: President-Elect



New York Wildlife Society

New York Chapter The Wildlife Society Membership Application

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State, and Zip Code: _____

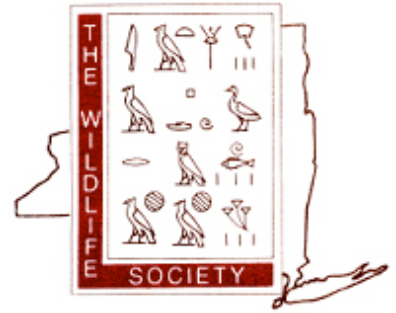
Dues: January 1, 2006-December 2006, regular \$10.00
January 1, 2006-December 2006, student, \$5.00

Please Check: New Renewal Regular Student

"50 in 5" Contribution: \$20.00 for 2006 Other: _____

Make check(s) payable to: "New York Chapter, TWS"

Return to: Mike Putnam, NYSDEC, 21 South Putt Corners Rd. New Paltz, NY 12561



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