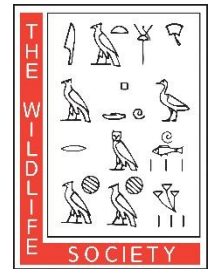


**TWS North Central Section Student Conclave**  
**March 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Camp Tecumseh, Brookston, IN**



**North Central Section Wildlife Society Students,**

It's that time of year again! The Purdue University Student TWS Chapter invites you to attend the 2017 TWS North Central Section Student Conclave. This event will take place on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, Indiana. This is a great opportunity to meet students from other chapters, gain or improve field skills, and network with professionals.

*Early Registration Cost:* \$80/person, Postmarked January 28<sup>th</sup>– February 18<sup>th</sup>

*Late Registration Cost:* \$85/person, Postmarked February 19<sup>th</sup> – March 4<sup>th</sup>

Mail Registration forms and checks made out to “Purdue TWS” to:

**TWS Conclave Registration 2017**  
**Department of Forestry and Natural Resources**  
**715 W. State Street**  
**Pfendler Hall of Agriculture, Room G003**  
**West Lafayette, IN 47907-2061**

The cost this year helps partially cover 5 meals, lodging, and site use at Camp Tecumseh. The cost will increase after February 18<sup>th</sup> due to needing an estimate of the head count for Camp Tecumseh. Please contact the Purdue TWS President or Vice President with any questions.

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**Camp Tecumseh**

Camp Tecumseh is a summer camp location owned by the YMCA that provides outdoor activities and accommodations for meetings and conferences and is located just outside of Lafayette, Indiana along the Tippecanoe River. Students will stay in cabins furnished with 14 beds apiece and 2-3 toilets/showers per cabin. Each cabin is within walking distance of meeting spaces, the dining hall, and program areas. Meals will include Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and Sunday breakfast. Camp Tecumseh is an alcohol-free facility.

**Packing List:** Sleeping bag, pillow, toiletry items, towel/washcloth, muck/rubber boots, binoculars (optional), flashlight or headlamp, and money/check for the silent auction.

Waders are an optional packing item since we will have herping events in the evening in a small pond at the site. Herping can be done with muck boots, but more will be gained from it if you bring waders. In addition, members of the wildlife olympics team should have waders for specific stations.

Conclave is the end of March when weather in Indiana is unpredictable; bring appropriate gear since many activities will take place outdoors. Camp Tecumseh is also located on Tippecanoe River and the terrain can vary throughout the property. The camp has many trails that run through the forest, near the river, and a small pond – make sure to take advantage of the trails and beautiful site during our free time on Saturday!



**Check us out on Facebook:** Get updates, reminders, and conclave pictures here! “Like” us on Facebook at: TWS North Central Section Student Conclave.

## Conclave Tentative Schedule 2017

### Friday, March 24

**3:00pm- 6:00pm** Check in

**5:30pm-6:40pm** Dinner

**6:45pm- 7:45ish** Opening Welcome, Plenary Speaker – TBA

**8:00pm** Bonfire and S'more social, \*herping

### Saturday, March 25

**7:00am** \*Bird banding

**8:00am** Breakfast

**9:10am-12:00pm** Workshops/presentations

**12:00pm-1:30pm** Lunch and activities

**1:30pm-3:20pm** Workshops/presentations

**3:20pm-4:45pm** Wildlife Olympics

**4:00pm** Poster contest, photo contest, & silent auction

**4:00pm-5:00pm** Free time/scavenger hunt

**5:30pm** Dinner

**6:30pm-?** Quiz bowl

**After-** Bonfire and S'more social, \*herping

### Sunday, March 26

**7:00am** \*Bird banding

**8:00am** Breakfast

**9:00am** Closing meeting

**9:50am** Leader's Meeting

**10:30am** Purdue University Student Chapter Leader's Meeting

\*Limited group size

## Tentative Activities

**Paracord Bracelets:** Make your own paracord survival bracelet after checking in!

**Resume Workshop:** Receive tips on how to format a resume, wording, what to include, how to tailor it to certain jobs and how to have your resume stand out overall. Please bring a copy of your latest resume.

**Graduate Student Panel:** Bring your questions about grad school and here from those who have already been through the process of applying!

**Evening Herping:** Late March in Indiana is a great time to observe frog calls and breeding behavior, and the emergence of reptiles and amphibians after the winter weather – join us in the evenings for some herping!

**Conservation Officer and K-9 Demo:** Hear from an Indiana CO and his K-9 “Drake” and how they help with wildlife conservation and forensics on a daily basis.

**Wildlife Olympics:** Test your wildlife knowledge through a variety of stations covering topics from trapping techniques to identification to forestry to navigation.

**Telemetry “Tag”:** Spend some time learning telemetry techniques then participate in a competition for the most collars!

**Bird Banding:** Participate in our “bonus” event before breakfast – banding birds with those who know how to do it best and get real experience handling birds.

**Silent Auction:** Check out cool items such as field guides, clothing, outdoor equipment, and other related items that were donated to our student chapter. **Bring money if you wish to participate!**

### Photo Contest

Share your amazing photos with students of the North Central Section! Photos will be on display for the duration of conclave with awards being presented Saturday evening before Quiz Bowl. The entry fee is \$1 per photograph. Each conclave attendee may submit one (1) photo in each of the five categories: **Fauna, Flora, Landscape/ Scenic, Human Dimensions** (ex. Hunting, Hiking, Wildlife Education programs, etc.) **and Cell Phone** (Natural resource related images taken on a cell phone). All photos must be taken by the individual submitting the photographs. Photos must be matted (white or black preferred) but not framed and must be 8x10 inches in size. Prizes will be awarded for 1st place within each category, People's Choice and a Best in Show overall. Voting for People's choice will occur throughout the day on Saturday. Photographs submitted at previous Conclaves are not eligible. Photos must be submitted electronically by March 18th, 2016 to Luke Voorhees ([lvoorhee@purdue.edu](mailto:lvoorhee@purdue.edu)) and a hard copy submitted at registration on Friday. Photos may be picked up before you depart Sunday morning.

### Photo Contest Rules

- Photos must be in matting (black or white preferred, no cardboard).
- Photos must be 8 X 10 inches in size.
- There is a \$1 fee per photo entry.
- Each conclave participant is allowed to enter 1 photo per category, for a total of up to 5 photos.
- Photos will be judged by a panel of two photography judges (TBD) except for the People's Choice award, which will be a voting by conclave attendees.
- Prizes will be awarded for first place in each category, people's choice and best in show.
- Must be present to win.
- Photos must be submitted electronically by March 18th, 2017 to [lvoorhee@purdue.edu](mailto:lvoorhee@purdue.edu) and a hard copy when you register.
- Photos and payment must be turned in at check-in and photos will be available for pick up on Sunday at breakfast.

### Club Activity Poster Session

Club posters are a great way to show off what your chapter has been doing in the past year! Posters may include but are not limited to chapter events, research, projects, achievements, number of members, PICTURES and more. Posters can be handmade or printed from the computer but a try-fold cardboard style is preferred as to leave more room to hang research posters. Posters will be turned in at the registration table on Friday and displayed for the duration of conclave. Posters may be picked up upon departure on Sunday.

### Research Poster Session

Bring a poster and share what research you have been doing! All abstracts must be under 300 words, and should include a statement of objectives, and a brief description of methods, results, and conclusion. Scientific names should be included in the abstract but not in the paper/poster titles. All categories/fields of study will be considered. To make a submission request, please email Liz Brewer at [brewer52@purdue.edu](mailto:brewer52@purdue.edu) by March 4<sup>th</sup> with an attached document containing poster title, abstract, and author names.

All abstracts will have a blind review by conclave planning committee members. Due to space and time restraints, we may not be able to accept all submission but we will do our best to accommodate as much as possible. A notice of decision will be sent to you via email by March 11<sup>th</sup> which will include further information such as size limit of posters. All Research posters will be checked in on Friday at the Registration/Check in table and can be picked up before you depart from conclave on Sunday. Judges for posters are still to be determined. There will be a prize for the first place poster. Questions can be referred to Liz Brewer ([brewer52@purdue.edu](mailto:brewer52@purdue.edu)).

### Quiz Bowl

Test your expertise in wildlife trivia at the 2017 TWS Student Conclave Quiz Bowl Competition! Teams of 5 members (4 competitors and 1 alternate) from each college/university will battle head to head in a fun and competitive event to see which school possesses the greatest wildlife trivia knowledge. Rules will be similar to the guidelines used at the annual

national conference and can be found at <http://www.twsconference.org/quiz-bowl/>. However, we will be doing 7.5 minute matches with a 10-minute final match in order to end at a reasonable time. Participation is limited to undergraduate students. If your school would like to participate, please note that in the sign-up sheet at the end of this packet.

### **Directions to Camp Tecumseh**

#### **From the North/Northwest**

Take Interstate 65 to the Brookston exit east (# 188) which is State Road 18 (left turn off the exit ramp). In Brookston, you jog right and then left at the light to stay on State Road 18. Then go five miles East of Brookston on State Road 18, until you come to an intersection with flashing lights and a green highway sign that says "Camp Tecumseh/Springboro." Turn left up a steep winding hill. Go 9/10ths of a mile to a large Camp Tecumseh sign (Tecumseh Bend Road) and turn right. (Before you turn you will see a large barn and pastureland on right).

#### **From the South/Southwest**

Take Interstate 65 to the West Lafayette/Brookston exit, (#178) which is State Road 43 North. Turn right off of exit ramp. Take State Road 43 North to Brookston and turn right (east) on to State Road 18. Then go five miles East of Brookston on State Road 18 until you come to an intersection with flashing lights and a green highway sign that says "Camp Tecumseh/Springboro." Turn left up a steep winding hill. Go 9/10ths of a mile to a large Camp Tecumseh sign (Tecumseh Bend Road) and turn right.

#### **From the East**

Go to Delphi, which is on State Road 25 and State Road 18. Follow State Road 18 west (for a short stretch this is also State Road 421 coming out of Delphi). Follow State Road 18 over the Tippecanoe River. Just after the bridge, until you come to an intersection with flashing lights and a green highway sign that says "Camp Tecumseh/Springboro." Turn right up a steep winding hill. Go 9/10ths of a mile to a large Camp Tecumseh sign (Tecumseh Bend Road) and turn right.

**Camp Tecumseh  
12635 W Tecumseh Bend Rd  
Brookston, IN 47923**

**Please have each chapter turn in one Chapter Registration form. Every attendee must fill out and turn in the Student Registration form and Purdue University Hold Harmless form Make checks payable to Purdue TWS.**

## **Chapter Registration Form**

Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact/Email \_\_\_\_\_

Will your Advisor be attending?      Yes      No

Will your chapter have a quiz bowl team?      Yes      No

Chapter Poster:      Yes      No

Would your chapter need housing for Friday night - Saturday night?      Yes      No

If no, which night, or is on-site housing not needed? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Student Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Chapter Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size:    S        M        L        XL        XXL

Poster Presentation: Email [ebrewer@purdue.edu](mailto:ebrewer@purdue.edu) with an attached document containing poster title, abstract, and author names by March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Do you have any disabilities or special needs that will need accommodation?:

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If you have any dietary restrictions, please follow this link and fill out Camp Tecumseh's form\* so they can best accommodate you: <http://www.camp Tecumseh.org/prepare/special-dietary-needs-form/>

\*Please enter "Wildlife Society Conclave 2017" under event/group name. You may enter your personal information under Parent/guardian phone and email in order to receive information.



The following form is required from Purdue University for attending this event. Please include this with the registration forms.

**Waiver, Release And Hold Harmless Agreement**

In consideration of permission granted by Purdue University allowing me to participate in TWS Student Conclave (the "Activity"), which will occur on 3/24/17 – 3/26/17, which is sponsored by Purdue Student Chapter of TWS. I (together with my parent or guardian, if I am under the age of eighteen or under a legal disability) represent, covenant and agree, on behalf of myself and my heirs, assigns, and any other person claiming by, under or through me, as follows:

- 1. I acknowledge that participating in the Activity involves certain risks (some of which I may not fully appreciate) and that injuries, death, property damage or other harm could occur to me or others. I accept and voluntarily incur all risks of any injuries, damages, or harm which arise during or result from my participation in the Activity, regardless of whether or not caused in whole or in part by the negligence or other fault of Purdue University, The Trustees of Purdue University, and/or its or their departments, affiliates, employees, officers, agents or insurers ("Released Parties").
- 2. I waive all claims against any of the Released Parties for any injuries, damages, losses or claims, whether known and unknown, which arise during or result from my participation in the Activity, regardless of whether or not caused in whole or part by the negligence or other fault of any of the Released Parties. I release and forever discharge the Released Parties from all such claims.
- 3. I agree to indemnify and hold the Released Parties harmless from all losses, liabilities, damages, costs or expenses (including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees and other litigation costs and expenses) incurred by any of the Released Parties as a result of any claims or suits that I (or anyone claiming by, under or through me) may bring against any of the Released Parties to recover any losses, liabilities, costs, damages, or expenses which arise during or result from my participation in the Activity, regardless of whether or not caused in whole or part by the negligence or other fault of any of the Released Parties.
- 4. I have carefully read and reviewed this Waiver, Release And Hold Harmless Agreement. I understand it fully and I execute it voluntarily.

EXECUTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Printed Name

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Parent or Guardian Signature (if applicable)

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Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Mail all registration and hold harmless forms to:

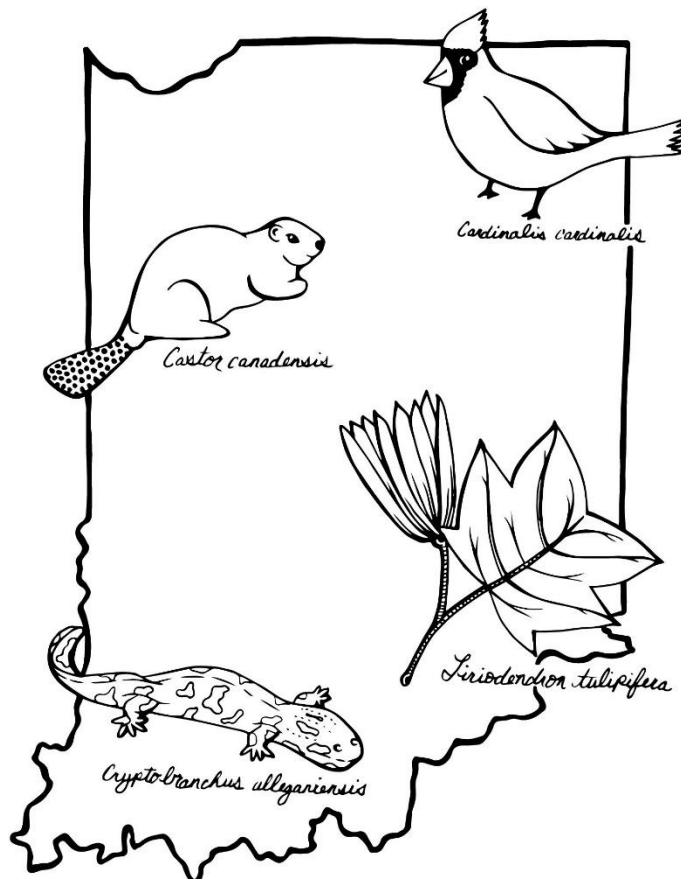
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**715 W State Street**  
**West Lafayette, IN 47907-2061**

\*\*\*All Checks MUST be made out to Purdue TWS\*\*\*

Thank you for considering attending Conclave 2017!

There are a lot of fun opportunities in store, and we hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, please email Rebekah Lumkes at [rlumkes@purdue.edu](mailto:rlumkes@purdue.edu).



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