



Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society

Newsletter

"The mission of the Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society is to foster excellence in wildlife stewardship through science and education among wildlife professionals within the northeastern United States."

Winter 2011-2012

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Timothy M. (Tim) Green

Well, another year is about over or has just ended as this Newsletter goes to press. It has been a tremendously busy year and it does not appear that 2012 will be any less busy. If you were unable to get to TWS' Annual Meeting in Hawaii, you missed a great conference held in an awesome venue. The associated field trips and meetings allowed attendees to really experience the Big Island.

Getting back from that trip meant, getting back to work. The Section and several state chapters are still struggling with the issue of drilling and hydraulic fracturing in the Marcellus Shale region. TWS is taking up the issue of this extraction process and published two articles on "fracking" in the most recent issue of The Wildlife Professional. At this point in the process each state must deal with the drilling individually, and most are beginning to set more stringent standards for issuing permits and require more stringent drilling processes. The NE Section and several of the chapters are also partners in the Marcellus Shale Sportsmen's Alliance that is being spearheaded by Trout Unlimited. This group is paying close attention to activities in all of the Marcellus Shale states.

Other activities that members should be aware of: The NE Section Student Conclave has been planned for April 13 -15, 2012 and is being hosted by the California University of Pennsylvania Student Chapter of TWS. Frank Christopher and his crew

have been planning an event filled weekend. Professional members, please encourage students to attend this event.

The NEAFWA meeting starts on the April 15, 2012 with NE Section Officers meeting at 2 PM and reception later that evening. The NE Section Members meeting will be held on April 16 before the Banquet. The NEAFWA meeting is being held in Charleston, WV. These meetings are always a good opportunity to network, meet new friends, and catch-up with old friends while learning updated information on wildlife research and issues for the Northeast. The Section is also in need of assistance with this meeting. We need individuals willing to manage and judge student paper presentations. This is necessary if we are to continue providing a "Best Student Paper" award. Please contact me if you can help.

It is also time to step up and participate in your Section. This year our elections are for Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice-president. If you would like to participate in Section business please submit your name me (tgreen@bnl.gov). If you know someone who would/should participate with the Section you can submit their names. Elections need to be held well in advance of our Annual meeting in April.

The Northeast Section sponsors several awards. Please see our website at: <http://joomla.wildlife.org/NE/> or look further into this newsletter for information. There are several worthy individuals throughout the Northeast, but they cannot be honored if they are not nominated. It would be great to have a full slate

of nominations and present every one of our awards to the deserving individuals at the Annual Meeting. Best wishes for the Holiday Season!

SECTION REP'S REPORT

John E. McDonald

My first order of business is to thank those of you who voted for me for a 2nd term as your Section Representative and to thank Rich Chipman for being willing to stand for election, as well.

Council is preparing for our fall meeting at the annual conference in Hawaii in early November. Many of you will remember that the 2011 meeting was originally going to be in the Northeast Section, in Pittsburgh, PA, but difficulties with the convention center prompted a late change of venue. However, we are returning to Pittsburgh in 2014 thanks to the diligence of the Pennsylvania Chapter. As of this writing in late October 2011, we have more folks registered for the Hawaii conference than any of the previous 5 conferences at this point before the conference, but expect fewer walk-ins. Even if you can't attend the meeting this year, please check out the conference website for the program as we will be offering an option to buy access to the presentations and synced audio after the meeting, at a lower price than last year.

A real bit of good news is that as of the end of September we already had more than 10,200 total members, exceeding our record membership of last year! We hope that this is a reflection of the perceived value of membership in our professional society and that the trend continues. It really does help our organization get noticed when we can say we represent over 10,000 wildlife professionals. Particularly strong categories have been student members, young professional members, and retired members. We are again running the "Sponsor a Student" campaign, and you can donate a student membership from the TWS website. I thank all of you who did this last year.

Council has not met since March however; we have been busy with committee work and other business over the summer. Most notably, Council approved

a number of new position statements and revisions to existing position statements between meetings. TWS position statements are valid for 5 years after adoption, at which time they are reviewed and either re-approved as is, revised and approved, or dropped if no longer applicable. New position statements and revisions to existing position statements are also made available for member comment before Council votes on them. I am on the Position Statement subcommittee, so I've seen this process up close this year. New position statements are drafted by an *ad hoc* committee appointed by the President; many of these statements are directly the result of members requesting TWS take a position on an issue. For example, the new statement on Feral Swine was first requested during the Member Forum at the fall 2010 Council meeting in Utah. The draft position statements are then given to the Council Subcommittee for review and revision before being sent out for comment. After the comment period, the Subcommittee and TWS staff work to incorporate the useful comments and make other changes and then send the final draft to Council for a vote. Some of this year's statements generated a lot of comments, many of which were incorporated into the final drafts. The new position statements on Feral Cats, Animal Rights, Feral Swine, and Feral Horses and Burros especially have generated a good bit of attention. You can find them all on the TWS website as well as announcements for those open for comment, so please check the site regularly and take the time to read the drafts and comment. We do see all the comments that come in from members and consider them carefully. Position statements can be found here:

http://joomla.wildlife.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=117&Itemid=299

I hope you are all subscribing to the *Wildlife Society Bulletin*. The Bulletin re-launched as an electronic-only format journal in March and has published 3 issues to date, with 4 per year planned. In September was a special issue on deer management in developed landscapes. You can also subscribe for email alerts when new content is published in the Bulletin or *Journal of Wildlife Management*, too, and check the journal webpages for "Early View" articles prior to the release of a full issue.

Finally, there have been some changes in TWS staff that you should all be aware of. Our Government Affairs Director, Laura Bies is on maternity leave after having her first child, and from what I know mother and son are doing well. Christine Carmichael was hired in the GA program to help with the increasing workload so welcome aboard Christine! Ruxi Guira, who had been our webmaster, left TWS this year, but we have hired Jeremiah Patterson as our new webmaster, so welcome Jeremiah as well. You can check out profiles of all the staff on the TWS website, so take a moment and get acquainted with all of the folks that are working on your behalf.

As always, please feel free to be in touch with me at any time if you have comments or questions about TWS operations or policies, or suggestions to make the organization better. Thank you for helping us achieve and then surpass our membership record, too!

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SECTION NEWS

Call for Nominations Awards Presented by Northeast Section, The Wildlife Society

The John Pearce Memorial Award

The John Pearce Memorial Award shall be made by the Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society to Society members in the Northeast for outstanding professional accomplishments in Wildlife Conservation in the Northeast. The basic criteria for judging professional accomplishment of nominees shall be (1) contribution of knowledge and (2) leadership over a period of several years in any areas of wildlife work, including research, management, administration, or education - as evidence by publications, skillful development, and/or application of effective management or educational programs or methods. Any member of The Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society may nominate persons to be considered by the Awards Committee. The award may be made to an individual, or jointly to individuals who have worked together for several years.

Certificates of Recognition

In contrast to the John Pearce Memorial Award, which is presented for outstanding professional accomplishment, Certificates of Recognition may be awarded to people in any area of work, professional or non-professional, who have made noteworthy contributions to knowledge about wildlife or wildlife management, furthered public understanding, or who have made available increased wildlife habitat through modification of land use practices (e.g., agriculture, highways, forestry). Any member of the Northeast Section may recommend recipients of the Certificate of Recognition.

The P.F. English Memorial Award

The P.F. English Memorial Award is presented annually by the Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society to the outstanding undergraduate senior student of wildlife biology or wildlife management within the region. Its purpose is to acknowledge and to encourage students, and to perpetuate the name of the late P.F. English, an outstanding educator, sportsman, and inspiration to youth.

Nomination Procedure

Submit candidate's names, justifications, resumes, and letters of support to the Awards Committee Chairman by **20 February 2012** (preferably via email).

Awards Committee Chairman:
Email: higbie@bnl.gov
Jennifer Higbie
Brookhaven National Laboratory
PO Box 5000 Bldg 120
Upton, NY 11973



NE TWS President, Tim Green, presents the 2011 John Pearce Memorial Award to Dennis Slate.

2011 Field Course Another Success John E. McDonald

In May 2011, 16 students from 7 different schools arrived at the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife's Kehoe Conservation Center for an

intense 2-week immersion in wildlife field skills. This was the 3rd Field Course sponsored by the Section and another successful venture based on the experiences of the instructors and the reviews submitted by students. Until just before the course started in May, we were at our cap of 20 students, but unfortunately had a few withdraw in the days just prior to the starting date.

The course offers hands on training in a wide variety of basic field techniques, starting with map and compass which is integral to the rest of the field work and for making sure we end each day afield with the same number of students with which we start. Much of the field part of the course takes place at the Bird Mountain Wildlife Management Area, a short drive from Kehoe and visible from the deck of the main building when it's not raining. We also spend a great deal of time learning common trees and shrubs of the Northeast, and the 2 full-time instructors, myself and Bill Healy, often work in some plant ID lessons (or quizzes) as we are walking along doing other things. This year, the phenology was behind previous years, so leaves were just beginning to emerge on a number of tree species and the woods got greener as the 2 weeks progressed.

The course is organized so as to provide intense hands- (and ears-) on instruction during the first week in a wide range of sampling techniques and skills. We average more than 10 hours a day in practical instruction, with early morning bird surveys on some days that continue on into lessons on orienteering skills, mammal trapping, plant ID, habitat sampling, reptile and amphibian sampling, hunter education training (with time on the shooting range), and chemical immobilization training, among other things. During the second week, the students work in small groups sampling along transect lines that they establish on the WMA. This includes setting and checking small mammal traps, sampling common birds by sight and sound, measuring habitat at various points along the transects, and sampling for herps. Later in the second the week the students compile and analyze the data and develop group presentations based on a subset of all the data collected by each group. For example, one group collects everyone's mammal trapping data sheets and presents those data, another

does the same for bird data, etc. Both weeks we have some time for group discussions most evenings after dinner, often lead by one of the guest instructors, on career paths or some current topic in wildlife conservation. The 2 weeks are filled with activities, but we operate in a low-pressure environment and have the luxury to take as much time as we need to explore a skill or a topic.

As usual, we had a great crew of volunteer instructors who donated their time, expertise, and in some cases, equipment to the cause. We have instructors from both the public and private sector and the students get a wide range of perspective on careers in the wildlife field. The one strikingly consistent thing that emerges from the career discussions that we have with the instructors is how unpredictable career paths are in wildlife. Many of folks have been in both public and private employment and often remark that where they are today is not what they would have predicted coming out of school.

We are always looking for professional wildlifers to volunteer and participate in the course, either to lead or co-lead a lesson or to tag along with a group of students doing field-work and just help them ID trees or bird songs, work with trapped small mammals, or discuss the profession. The 2012 Field Course is planned for May 13-26, check the website for information. **NOTE: the 2012 course is currently full with at least 20 students from 14 different schools.**

http://joomla.wildlife.org/NE//index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=191&Itemid=302 Join our Facebook group to see lots of pictures of students in the field (search FB for Northeast Section TWS Field Course), or contact me directly (john_e_mcdonald@fws.gov).

Testimonial by another satisfied customer, Sarah Wilkinson:

“Two days after I arrived home from attending the TWS Northeast Field Course I was taking a walk with family and was asked to identify several trees and birdcalls. My ability to do so and also accurately describe the anatomy of a fisher made me realize the full extent of what I had learned. As I recounted to my family what I had done for the previous two weeks my enthusiasm was a sure signal the experience was truly worthwhile. During the class I was struck not only by the connection and

appreciation that the landscape inspired, but also the breadth of wildlife field skills I was gaining.

Despite a growing number of students, such as myself, entering the wildlife field without a “traditional” wildlife background, many schools have dropped a hands-on, field component of wildlife curricula.

However, it is field skill sets that are critical selling points for many students as they seek technician and management positions. My career goal of securing a federal wildlife position made the TWS field course critical to my appeal as a job candidate. I can now list experience with small mammal trapping, firing a dart gun, seining, radio telemetry, vegetation sampling, point counts, and much more. There is no doubt that the skills, connections, and exposure I gained during my time near Castleton, VT will enrich my life and professional career.

The TWS program does not simply fill a curriculum void for wildlife students. The program exposes students to a variety of faces, backgrounds, and experiences rare in most university environments. A variety of student backgrounds fostered a dynamic of student-to-student learning. Access to state lands and numerous tools of the trade gave me a real feel for what it would be like to perform tasks out in the field. Having shadowed many field crews and technicians I can honestly say that much of what was taught mimics what students will be expected to do in the “real” world.

The most gratifying experience of the course was the realization I could perform field tasks in a variety of environmental conditions. There have been several jobs and re-locations I have considered where my first reaction upon hearing potential duties or study site descriptions has been fear and panic. Fear that I would not hold up to daily fieldwork or panic that I would be a lonely technician in a remote location. This class made me realize that I can be content with simply my pack, a few field guides, and the knowledge I am applying skills through the careful collection of biological data. Experience being a leader as well as facilitating a good field crew dynamic during the program also increases my confidence. These realizations multiply the types of jobs I will consider and make me more optimistic about finding a position after graduation.

Another aspect of the TWS program that sets it apart from a university course is the culmination of resources that made the program possible. Dozens of highly skilled professionals and their agencies contributed to making a rich student experience and networking opportunities plentiful. The simple fact that so many of these instructors donated valuable time and resources made me honored to attend. The added availability of these seasoned professionals made for ample time to ask questions and seek advice. I would like to thank all of the volunteers, instructors, and site staff that made the course a truly unique and valuable

experience. I will wholeheartedly be recruiting students for next year’s class so that they too can have the same priceless experience.”

Transactions and Northeast Wildlife online

The Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society (NE TWS) and The Pennsylvania State University are pleased to announce that a complete archive of *Transactions of the Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society* and *Northeast Wildlife* is available online. This project was undertaken by NE TWS and Penn State as part of the Penn State Libraries Digitized Collections. The *Transactions* and *Northeast Wildlife* are available to the general public at no charge. The collection can be viewed at http://www.libraries.psu.edu/psul/digital/ne_tws.html. The archives are searchable by keyword or can be browsed by date range or by the complete collection.

The beginnings of the *Transactions of the Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society* can be traced back to the 11th New England Game Conference held in Boston, Massachusetts in 1939. Followed by the proceedings from the Northeastern Fish and Wildlife Conference, the *Transactions* came about as NE TWS matured and assumed the task of publishing the proceedings from the technical program of the conference of the Northeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (NEAFWA). This relationship between NE TWS and NEAFWA continued through the early 1990s. In 1992, NE TWS began publishing peer-reviewed articles in *Northeast Wildlife* as annual volumes independent of the annual conference. *Northeast Wildlife* was published until 2004 when the difficulties of publishing a peer-reviewed journal based on volunteer efforts forced NE TWS to cease publishing.

The *Transactions* have been available in private collections and among university libraries in the northeastern U.S., but nowhere has there been a complete collection of all the *Proceedings*, *Transactions*, and *Northeast Wildlife* available in one location. The intent of this collaboration

between NE TWS and The Pennsylvania State University Libraries is to make available, to the general public and academia, a repository of the proceedings and publications to benefit the conservation of fish and wildlife resources.

2011 Northeast Student Conclave

Snakes, Salamanders, and Songbirds, Oh My! Conclave! The 2011 Northeast Conclave was held in Cobleskill, NY this year. There was a little bit of everything, from snake breeding and amphibians, to songbirds, to USDA wildlife services and nuisance wildlife control, ensuring everyone found something they could take interest in.

I was pleased with how organized everything was. When we arrived, we were given a detailed schedule and a map. The campus was relatively small, so everything was easy to find. We enjoyed some s'mores and local bands the first evening, giving everyone a chance to mingle and connect with other schools.

The keynote speaker, Michael Fishman, opened the weekend by discussing a very important and urgent topic, White Nose Syndrome (WNS). He was very informative and gave good, up-to-date details about the disease and what's being done to prevent it. WNS and bat studies in general are a hot topic right now, providing numerous research opportunities for graduate students.

The day began bright and early on Saturday. A quick breakfast and then we were off to workshops by 8:00am. I found all of my workshops very informative and useful for work in the professional spectrum.

After workshops it was time for Quiz Bowl. Unfortunately, our team only consisted of three people: Morgan Pfeiffer, Abby Gelb, and myself; but that didn't stop us from taking **SECOND PLACE!** Hooray! We breezed our way through the first couple rounds, before we finally met our match against SUNY ESF in the finals. It was all in good fun however, as we were met with a group hug from the school after the match.

All in all, it was an excellent experience and one I would highly recommend. It was great fun and great for professional development.

Jennifer McDonald



SUNY ESF (left) and Penn State (right) represent!

Congratulations to Dr. Jacqui Frair of SUNY ESF for winning the 2011 Student Chapter Advisor of the Year Award from TWS!!!

2012 Northeast Student Conclave

**California University of Pennsylvania Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society
2012 Northeastern Regional Conclave
Laurelville Conference Center
Mount Pleasant, PA 15666
April 13 -15, 2012**

Hi All!

I'm Frank Christopher, the Vice President of the California University of Pennsylvania Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society. If you are reading this, you are probably interested in attending the 2012 Northeastern Regional Conclave. This will be an exciting event to attend. We will be holding this event from April 13-15, 2012 at Laurelville Conference Center in Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania. We are planning on making Friday, Saturday, and Sunday all worthwhile and unique to one another.

Laurelville Conference Center is about 45 minutes away from our campus, so this event will be held off campus. The center contains 600 acres of deciduous forest, with a local waterway (Jacob's Creek) flowing through the center of the property. Our chapter voted on this place, and we believe it is well suited for an event like Conclave.

Friday registration and check in will begin around 5:00 PM. After students begin arriving and become acquainted with their lodging, an "ice-breaker" bonfire will be happening on Sunset Hill. Refreshments/Dinner will be served, along with conversation and discussion of what's going on with other chapters in the Northeast. Following the bonfire, students will assemble for our keynote speaker. The talk should last approximately an hour to 90 minutes.

Saturday begins with a breakfast provided to students. Next are the workshops. As explained on the other two attachments, there will be twelve different workshops offered this year. They range in topics, and many provide hands-on experience to students. Morning workshops will be from 8:00 AM – 11:45 AM, and at 12:00 PM lunch will be provided. Afternoon workshops will be from 1:00 PM – 4:45 PM. Afterwards, dinner will be provided. Following dinner, students will assemble for the 2012 Quiz Bowl at 7:00. This event typically runs many hours.

Sunday is the third and final day of Conclave. Competitions will be happening here. At the moment, there are multiple competitions being developed. Without committing to anything right now, we can say that these competitions will be interesting, and challenging to all who attend. More details are to come soon, and you will be informed once they are confirmed.

In addition, I think it is important to mention that many of your chapters may also be attending the 68th Annual Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference (NEAFWA) and/or Student Colloquium (sponsored by West Virginia University Student Chapter) in Charleston, WV during April 15th – 17th, 2012. If this is the case, I believe students can leave early Sunday morning from Conclave, to register late on Sunday to attend the Colloquium and/or NEAFWA Conference. Between these two locations, I believe it is about a 4 hour travel time. It is unfortunate that these great events are all occurring at such similar times, but I think it is possible to attend them all! Please do what is best for your chapter.

Lastly, I wanted to bring up registration fees. As of late, we have decided to withhold the cost of registration until we are able to finalize how many chapters will be attending, and how many students will be attending from each chapter. Much of the

registration fees are dependent upon these numbers. Without confirming any given value, we believe the fee will be somewhere around \$100.00/student. Again, this is not a confirmed value, just an educated guess.

As I mentioned earlier, attached (in addition to this letter) are workshop details. Registration forms should be submitted for EACH individual student attending Conclave. Please try to get these forms in by the first week of February (i.e. February 3, 2012). We will email competition details and further instructions in response to registration forms that we receive from interested schools. Remember, the sooner you get your registration forms in, the better the chance you have of acquiring your primary choices for workshops.

Finally, please message me with any questions you may have about this event. I can imagine that there are important facts I left out that may need addressed. You will be hearing from me again, and I look forward to seeing you all at Conclave.

Sincerely,
Frank Christopher
Chr8090@calu.edu

WORKSHOP LIST

Workshops: We are planning on holding twelve different workshops this year. The workshops will be offered on Saturday, April 15, 2012 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. There will be twelve workshops occurring simultaneously throughout the day during each time block. Each will be approximately 1 hour, 45 minutes in duration (allowing 15 minutes to traverse between one another). Below is a list of the choices to pick from.

Workshop List: Put in order of importance from 1–12. (1 = highest, 12 = lowest)

Marcellus Shale Workshop – Marcellus Shale is a new natural gas extraction process beginning to gain momentum in the Northeastern section of the United States. In this workshop, students will learn about the "fracking" process, how natural gas is extracted, and the pre- and post- assessment of environmental impact of drilled areas. Mr. Mike Fergione (Range Resources) and Mr. Scott Bush (Private Consultant) will lead this workshop.

Wilderness Survival Skills Workshop -- Survival expert, David Rohm, will be teaching groups of students various wildlife survival techniques. Topics include: fire starting skills, building a shelter from natural materials, and general knowledge of how to effectively live off the grid.

Photography in Nature Workshop – Nature Photographer, Greg Sofranko, has been nationally renowned for his uncanny ability to capture unique and memorable moments in the wild. Join him in this workshop as he teaches students tricks and techniques for optimizing their photography skills.

*Personal Cameras (digital) are recommended for this workshop.

Resume, Cover letter, Interview Panel Workshop – Federal, state, private and academic agencies will be represented in this workshop. Students will learn first-hand what these organizations look for in potential employees. An overview of the hiring process will be included here, in addition to questions and answers. This is a great opportunity for students to learn more about how to professionally promote themselves.

Federal Representative: Mr. Matt Whitbeck

State Representative: Ms. Samara Trusso

Academic Representative: Dr. Mark Tebbitt and Dr. Carol Bocetti

Private Company Representative: Mr. Casey Bartkus

Science-Based Ecological Restoration – Dr. Jenise Bauman of The Wilds Conservation Science Training Center in Cumberland, Ohio will be teaching students about using scientific approaches to aid in restoration ecology. Specific restoration projects will be introduced here to provide successful examples of prairie and wetlands restoration used in the real world.

Conservation through Captive Populations—Students here will be informed of conservation efforts through captive breeding and re-introduction programs for critically endangered animals around the world. Animal husbandry, species survival plans, and unique breeding strategies will be some of the topics of discussion here. This workshop will be led by Dr. Dan Beetem of The Wilds in Cumberland, Ohio.

Ethical Trapping Methods Workshop – Experienced outdoorsmen, Mr. Landon Vanord and Mr. Kevin Hagerman will co-lead the ethics of trapping. Students will learn about the sport in an interactive, hands-on setting. Multiple variations of traps, sets and lures will be taught and set for students to try, both terrestrial and aquatic. Native furs will be available for students to observe.

Rapid Stream Bioassessment Workshop—Under the expert eye of seasoned fisheries technicians, Mr. Jeffrey Ambrose and Mr. Joshua Reffner, students will use the Environmental Protection Agency’s Rapid Bioassessment Protocol. The assessment of streams will include sampling macroinvertebrates, recording pebble counts, conductivity readings, water temperature readings, and evaluating the available stream based on specific characteristics. Macroinvertebrates will be identified using microscopes to Order.

*Hip Waders are highly recommended for this workshop.

Management of Wildlife Diseases—Managing wildlife diseases is a daunting subject many professionals face in the field today. Students will be taught here about contemporary diseases impacting the world of wildlife management in our region. Potential diseases of discussion include rabies, chronic waste disease (CWD), Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) and many others. This workshop will be led by Mr. Kyle Van Why of the USDA Wildlife Services and Ms. Jeannine Fleege of PA Game Commission.

Black Bear Telemetry Workshop—Mr. Joseph V. Stefko of the Pennsylvania Game Commission will be explaining the bear program and the use of telemetry for bears in PA. Telemetry devices will be present, and students will be given hands on experience about how to use this equipment to find a collar.

Turkey Management Workshop—Wild turkey biologist, Ms. Mary Jo Casalena of the Pennsylvania Game Commission will be providing an in-depth look at the management program of wild turkeys in PA. During the first three sections of this workshop, students will be exposed to a satellite telemetry demonstration. During the last section of this workshop, students will experience a sampling technique, the rocket net demo. All workshops will demonstrate the use of a net-gun.

Mist netting—*NOTE* This workshop is offered only in the 8:00-9:45 AM and 10:00-11:45 AM time blocks.*

Student will be given hands-on experience at bird sampling with mist nets. Both active and passive sampling techniques will be demonstrated. This workshop will be led by Dr. Carol Bocetti.

Entomological Sampling Workshop—*NOTE* This workshop is offered only in the 1:00-2:45 PM and 3:00-4:45PM time blocks.* Students will practice various entomological sampling, preservation and mounting techniques not commonly performed within courses. Pitfall traps, malaise traps, sweep nets and others will be taught during this workshop. Dr. Mark Tebbitt will lead these two groups of entomological study.

**2012 Northeastern Regional Conclave
 California University of Pennsylvania Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society
 Laurelville Conference Center
 Mount Pleasant, PA 15666
 April 13 -15, 2012**

REGISTRATION FORM

*NOTE: EACH student attending Conclave should fill out this form.

School Name:
Student Name:
T-Shirt Size:
Workshop Preferences: List # to the LEFT of workshop title below (1 – 12)

- Marcellus Shale
- Wilderness Survival
- Nature Photography
- Resume/Cover Letter/ Interview Panel Workshop
- Science Based Restoration
- Conservation through Captive Populations
- Ethical Trapping Methods
- Rapid Stream Bioassessment
- Wildlife Disease Mgmt
- Black Bear Telemetry
- Turkey Management
- Mist Netting (only offered in morning)
- Entomological Sampling (only offered in afternoon)

**It should be noted here that we will make our best efforts to place each student into their first choice workshops. Get your registrations in early... first come, first serve!!*

We apologize in advance if you do not get your first choices.

NOTE: a second registration form for competitions on Sunday will come later.



**Northeast Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (NEPARC)
 Annual Meeting
 Highland Center Lodge at Crawford Notch, New Hampshire
 July 24-26, 2012**

Registration will be open in the coming months and will be available on the NEPARC website (<http://www.northeastparc.org>). All presentations will occur on July 25-26. Registration and an informal social will begin on the evening of July 24, 2012.

DEADLINE for submission of abstracts to be considered for oral presentations is: **February 10, 2012**. Poster abstracts should be submitted by June 15, 2012.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts are invited for oral and poster presentations at the 13th annual meeting of the Northeast Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (NEPARC) to be held July 24-26, 2012, at the Highland Center Lodge in scenic Crawford Notch, New Hampshire (<http://www.outdoors.org/lodging/whitemountains/highland>). NEPARC is an active, diverse, and inclusive partnership dedicated to the conservation of amphibians and reptiles and their habitats throughout northeastern North America. Annual meetings are an ideal forum to share current research and conservation initiatives, participate in working group sessions, and to network with like-minded herp enthusiasts in the Northeast. Please visit <http://www.northeastparc.org> to learn more about NEPARC's mission and current conservation initiatives.

For more information you can visit the website here:
<http://www.northeastparc.org/meetings/index.htm>



CHAPTER NEWS

None submitted

OTHER GENERAL TWS

Record Membership: Director of Membership Marketing and Conferences Darryl Walter reports that membership as of September 30 is 10,295; this is a new record for TWS surpassing last year's record membership of 10,261. As a comparison, membership at the end of September 2010 was 9,429.

Sponsor-A-Student: TWS is again running the Sponsor-A-Student Program, where new students' memberships into TWS are sponsored by current TWS members and TWS subunits (chapter/section/working group). We will include one change this year – the donor can decide to sponsor a nominated student or a specific student. Announcements have gone out to student chapter advisors to nominate their most deserving students. Next, TWS will request members and subunits to sponsor students. In November, TWS will select students to be sponsored and inform them they were selected for sponsorship.

TWS is 75 yrs-old: It is our great pleasure to acknowledge that this year marks 75 years since the founding of The Wildlife Society back in 1937.

To honor this milestone, TWS is planning several special events and publications throughout the year, culminating with a celebration during our 19th

Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon, to be held October 13-17, 2012.

[To kick off our anniversary year, we are pleased to announce the official launch of a new video titled "The Wildlife Society—75 Years and Counting."](#)

Produced by Conservation Media and made possible by the generous contributions of TWS members, this video features commentary from President Paul Krausman and President-Elect Wini Kessler, and explores the work of two young wildlife biologists who are representative of the future of our profession.

2016 TWS Annual Conference: TWS Chapters located in the Northeast Section and Southeastern Section are eligible to host the 2016 TWS Annual Conference. Deadline for bids to be received are February 10, 2012. For more information contact: Darryl Walter, The Wildlife Society
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19th Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society
Portland, Oregon
October 13-17, 2012

Call for Contributed Papers and Posters
Deadline: April 13, 2012



Wildlife Field Course

PRESENTED BY NORTHEAST SECTION OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY, VT DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AND CASTLETON STATE COLLEGE
LEARN FIRST HAND WHAT GOES ON IN THE DAY-TO-DAY PROFESSION OF A WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST AS TAUGHT BY SEASONED PROFESSIONALS IN THE FIELD.



Hands-on Experience

- TRAPPING OF SMALL MAMMALS
- TELEMETRY
- USE OF CHEMICAL IMMOBILIZATION EQUIPMENT
- MAP AND COMPASS USE
- GPS USE
- WILDLIFE EDUCATION TOOLS (E.G. PROJECT WILD, AQUATIC PROJECT WILD)
- HABITAT MAPPING, BIRD AND HERPTILE SURVEYS
- DISCUSSION SESSIONS ON CAREERS AND CURRENT WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ISSUES WITH PROFESSIONAL BIOLOGISTS
- IDENTIFICATION OF COMMON TREES AND PLANTS

College Credit

Through this camp, you will earn 3 credits through Castleton State College in Vermont that can be transferred back to your home institution! In addition, there are unparalleled networking opportunities with your peers and practicing biologists from across the Region.

Student Experience

- "I've learned more in the past couple of weeks than in any course I've ever taken."
- "This course was an amazing experience. So glad I came."
- "Fricken awesome!" This course exceeded my expectations.
- "I learned so much, it has increased my interest in this field."
- "The hands-on and personal connection with the instructors was wonderful. I cannot thank you enough for such an opportunity that I will use for the rest of my career. Great job!"

MAY 13TH -26TH 2012

Total Cost: \$850

Includes Tuition (3 cr.), Room and Board

Who is Eligible?

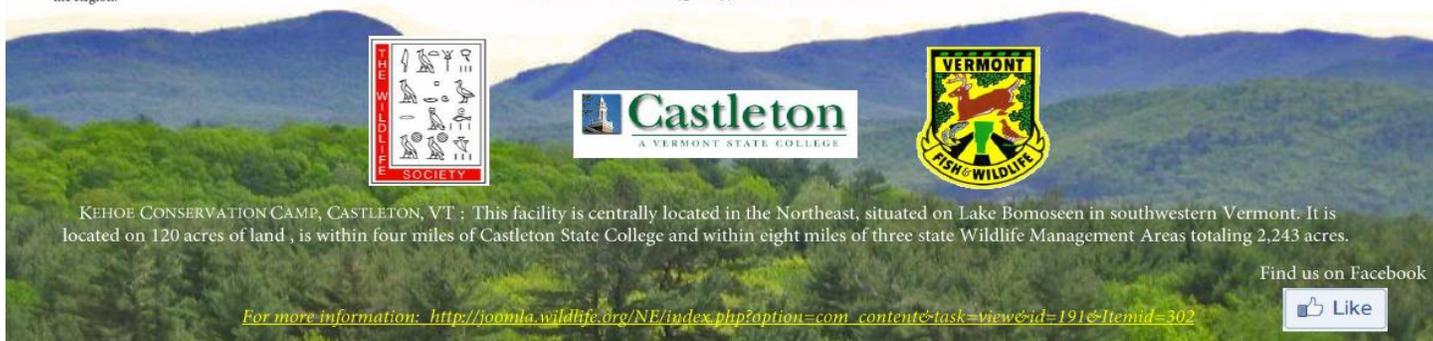
This field course is open to undergraduate and graduate students, with preference given to members of The Wildlife Society or a student chapter. The course will be filled on a first-come first-served basis up to a maximum of 20 students. If you are interested in taking part, sign up early!

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KEHOE CONSERVATION CAMP, CASTLETON, VT : This facility is centrally located in the Northeast, situated on Lake Bomoseen in southwestern Vermont. It is located on 120 acres of land , is within four miles of Castleton State College and within eight miles of three state Wildlife Management Areas totaling 2,243 acres.

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WARREN BALLARD Passes on 12 January 2012

Warren Baxter Ballard, Jr. led a remarkable life with multiple careers in the wildlife profession. He touched many lives. Warren attended high school and undergraduate schooling in New Mexico. He studied prairie chickens at Kansas State for his master's degree awarded in 1971. He went on to study mountain goats in southeast Alaska. From there he moved to south-central Alaska where he studied predator-prey ecology of species such as wolves, bears, moose, and caribou from the mid-1970s through the mid-1980s before there was a predator-control law mandating such research. In the late 1980s his wolf-caribou research efforts for Alaska Dept of Fish and Game shifted to northwest Alaska. His career with ADFG spanned from 1973-1990, based out of Juneau, Homer, Glennallen, Palmer, Anchorage, and Nome. Warren survived several plane and helicopter crashes while conducting wildlife surveys through these years. While fighting and beating Hodgkin's lymphoma, Warren worked as a wildlife consultant and graduated from the University of Arizona in 1993, publishing his northwest Alaska work for partial fulfillment of his PhD. From 1993-1996, he was director of the Cooperative Unit in New Brunswick. There he worked with provincial and university biologists studying deer and moose. It was also in New Brunswick that he made his greatest discovery, his wife Heather Whitlaw. Warren had a 2-yr stint with the Arizona Game and Fish Department, and took a faculty role with Texas Tech University in 1998. At this point in Warren's career he had published well over 100 papers. At TTU, Warren received many prestigious awards for his research and was Chair of the Bricker Endowment Fund. He guided students toward advanced graduate degrees, as Chair or Co-chair of graduate committees, about 45 times in his 14 years at TTU. His students have published well over 100 papers and continue to do so. Warren's contributions and achievements are too numerous to describe here. For the past 10 years or so, Warren battled an autoimmune-type of affliction, perhaps a tick-borne illness - it knocked him down a number of times, but he refused to be defeated. But not even Warren Ballard could beat pancreatic cancer. He loved his family and friends very deeply, and the feeling was mutual. There will be a memorial celebration of Warren's life on Thursday, 19 January 2012 @ 2 PM Central time (3 PM Eastern) in Lubbock, TX. The service, obituary, and remembrances can be viewed at this website: <http://www.memorialdesigners.net/obituaries/Warren-Ballard/> Guns up!

Northeast Section, The Wildlife Society

Membership Application

Please use this form (or a copy) to apply for membership in the Northeast Section, The Wildlife Society:

Regular Membership (\$8 per year) Student Membership (\$5 per year)

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Make checks payable to "The Northeast Section, TWS."

Mail to Ken MacKenzie, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Natural Resource Section, 180 Beaman St., West Boylston, MA 01583

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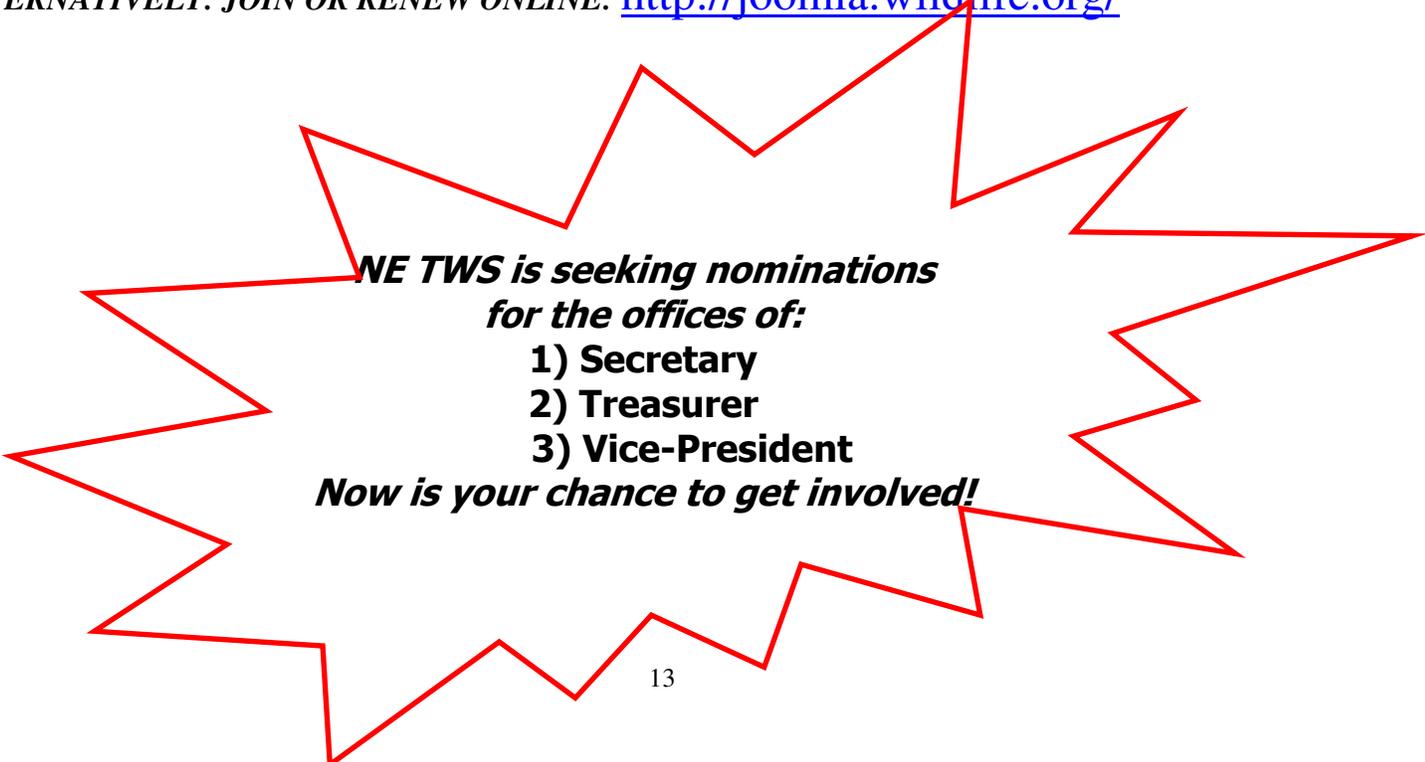
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