

Registration Form

Southeastern Bat Diversity Network's 2015 Bat Blitz
Hosted by the Palmetto Bluff Conservancy
Bluffton, SC 29910
July 26-30, 2015

Due June 1, 2015

PLEASE COMPLETE ENTIRE FORM AND MAIL WITH YOUR CHECK
(MADE OUT TO *Southeastern Bat Diversity Network (SBDN)*)
TO

SBDN 2015 Bat Blitz, c/o Palmetto Bluff Conservancy, 15 Village Park Square, Bluffton, SC 29910

(Please contact Mary Socci at msocci@crescentcommunities.com or 843-706-6030 if you have questions about the 2015 Blitz.)

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ (work) _____ (mobile)

Email: _____

Date of birth: _____

Rabies information

You will NOT be able to handle bats if you have not had the pre-exposure rabies series of vaccinations or if it has been more than two years since your vaccinations and your titer is less than complete neutralization at a 1:5 serum dilution by the RFFIT. (Please refer to the CDC website, <http://www.cdc.gov/rabies/index.html>, for additional information on rabies vaccinations.)

My vaccinations are current **YES** **NO** Date of last titer: _____

Your signature verifies that the above information is true:

Signature

Date

Name: _____

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone number: _____

Registration fee (includes meals and housing):

_____ \$50 

_____ \$25 (students) 

(If your agency or institution does not provide funding for registration or mileage and if there are funds available, information on applying to SBDN for reimbursement will be provided at the Blitz.)

I will be staying (circle one) **in USCB apartment housing** or **elsewhere at my own expense**

If possible, I would like to share an apartment with

Meals: **No restrictions** **Vegetarian** **I will provide my own food**

Are you willing to drive your vehicle in the field: **Yes** **No**

If yes, please list make and model: _____ Four-wheel drive: **Yes** **No**

Note: All vehicles should be washed and surfaces exposed to netting/caving equipment disinfected prior to arrival if they have been used in bat/caving work in WNS positive states.

Are you a team leader? **Yes** **No**

Will you request permission to collect voucher specimens? **Yes** **No**

Biopsy samples (wing punches)? **Yes** **No**

Any other samples requested? Please explain (all sampling supplies must be provided).

Please email your registration to Mary Socci:

MSocci@crescentcommunities.com

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The 2015 Bat Blitz, sponsored by the Palmetto Bluff Conservancy, will be held in Beaufort and Jasper Counties in coastal South Carolina. Survey areas include Pinckney Island National Wildlife Refuge, Savannah National Wildlife Refuge, Victoria Bluff Heritage Preserve, Honey Horn Plantation and Palmetto Bluff.

The Palmetto Bluff Conservancy is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the conservation of the natural and cultural resources of Palmetto Bluff. More information about the Conservancy may be found at <http://www.palmettobluff.com/conservancy.aspx>

Blitz Headquarters

The headquarters for the Blitz will be the University of South Carolina Beaufort's Hilton Head Gateway Campus in Bluffton, SC (USCB). Lodging, meals, meetings, WNS decontamination and information on other activities will be at USCB.

Housing

Housing will be at USCB in campus apartments. Each apartment has four single bedrooms, two full bathrooms, a full kitchen, washer, dryer and a furnished living room. Bed linens, towels, and pillows are not provided.

Additional details on lodging can be found at

http://www.uscb.edu/campus_life/housing/palmetto_village_housing_hilton_head_gateway_campus.php

Meals

Three meals a day will be provided Monday-Wednesday. Dinner on Sunday and breakfast on Thursday will also be provided. A vegetarian option will be available at each meal, but if you have other dietary needs, you should bring your own food.

Transportation

We will carpool to the survey sites each night. If you have a four-wheel drive vehicle and are willing to drive to the netting site, please indicate this on the registration form.

Communication

Wireless internet is available for free at USCB. Cell phone service is unavailable at certain netting locations but is available at the Blitz headquarters.

Other activities

The Bluffton/Hilton Head coastal area offers many opportunities for hiking, kayaking and other outdoor activities. Hilton Head Island, located 25 minutes from USCB, is a resort community with amenities such as golf and tennis as well as public beaches (www.hiltonheadisland.org). Kayaks and paddleboards may be rented in Hilton Head and Bluffton (15 minutes away). Sgt. Jasper Park (15 minutes away) has a disc golf course.

Beaufort County has a rich history and there are museums and historic sites to visit. The town of Bluffton (<http://www.bluffton.com/>) has a quaint historic district known for its art galleries. Beaufort is a 30 minute drive and has antebellum homes and shops along the waterfront (<http://www.downtownbeaufort.com/>).

Two outlet malls are within a 15-minute drive.

Kayak trips will be arranged but will require a fee.

What to Bring

Bedding, towels and toiletries are **not** supplied-you **must** bring your own pillow, bed linens, towels and toiletries. (Beds do not have pillows.)

When packing your clothing, keep in mind that summer in coastal South Carolina is hot and very humid. Additionally, there are often sudden, short thunderstorms.

There are many opportunities to swim, kayak, and enjoy other activities outdoors during the day. Remember to pack for recreational activities as well as field work.

Poison ivy, mosquitos, deer flies and ticks occur in the forests and around the marshes and will be present day and night. Please pack appropriate clothing and gear (insect repellent is a MUST).

Field clothing needs to comply with WNS protocols. That is, you will be required to change into clean clothes in the field before re-entering the vehicle after netting bats. Bring enough clothing to make a change of outerwear each night in the field (no need to change your undies, only articles of clothing that were exposed to bats need to be changed.) There are washers and dryers in each room suite and we will supply Woolite for washing field items. Many bat workers buy cheap scrubs for bat netting. These can be found at Dollar General or thrift stores. You **must** wear rubber shoes or rubber boots during field surveys so that they can be cleaned as per WNS protocols.

Required packing list

Field clothing that can be washed in hot water and Woolite
Rubber boots or rubber shoes
Metal or plastic camp chair (no cloth chairs in field, must be able to wipe down with disinfectant)
Light rain gear (that can be washed in Woolite and hot water)
Headlamp

Pillow, bed linens, towels, toiletries
Insect repellent
Sunscreen

Suggested items

Swimsuit and beach towel
Camera
Binoculars

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Preliminary Schedule
(Final schedule should be available on June 15)

All activities at USCB Hilton Head Gateway Campus, Bluffton, SC unless otherwise noted

Sunday 26 July *Please plan to arrive at the Blitz Sunday, July 26, BEFORE 5pm*

10:00 am-5:00 pm	Registration
2:00 pm-5:00 pm	Public Events
6:00 pm -9:00 pm	Dinner at Palmetto Bluff

Monday 27 July

10:00 am	Breakfast
11:00 am	MANDATORY participant meeting (policies, safety, procedures)
4:00 pm	Dinner -pick up boxed late meal after dinner <i>*no late meal will be served in the dining hall, this boxed dinner is your after-netting meal</i>
5:00 pm	Assemble with team leaders for departure to survey sites
2:00 am	All participants have returned to base and reported results

Tuesday 28 July

10:00 am	Breakfast
11:00 am	Field trip (optional)
4:00 pm	Dinner -pick up boxed late meal after dinner <i>*no late meal will be served in the dining hall, this boxed dinner is your after-netting meal</i>
5:00 pm	Assemble with team leaders for departure to survey sites
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Wednesday 29 July

10:00 am	Breakfast
11:00 am	Field trip (optional)
4:00 pm	Dinner -pick up boxed late meal after dinner <i>*no late meal will be served in the dining hall, this boxed dinner is your after-netting meal</i>
5:00 pm	Assemble with team leaders for departure to survey sites
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Thursday 30 July

10:00 am	Breakfast
11:00 am	Final meeting and awards, check-out