

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Mammal Colloquium provides a forum for student and professional oral and poster presentations on any topic related to mammals. We invite interested parties to present findings in either a poster (Thursday) or oral (Friday) presentation. We encourage students, researchers, and policy-makers to share their knowledge. This is an excellent opportunity to present preliminary or final research findings before a large group of professional mammalogists that can provide feedback and insight into your studies and results. It is also a great opportunity for students to meet and interact with potential employers in both state and federal governments, academia, non-profit organizations, and environmental consulting companies. Please follow the instructions below for submitting abstracts and preparing poster presentations.

The deadline for abstract submittal is January 10, 2020.

Note: All oral and poster presentations must register for the meeting. Register online at <https://sbdn.org/annual-meeting/>.

STUDENT AWARDS

Awards will be given for Best Oral Bat Presentation, Best Oral Non-Bat Presentation, and Best Overall Poster Presentation. Student awards are given at the close of the meeting. To be eligible, indicate student status when you submit your abstract.

EXAMPLE ABSTRACT

Presentation Type: Poster

Presenter Status: Student

Presenter's E-mail: student@school.edu

HIGH-ELEVATION OBSERVATIONS OF LONG-TAILED WEASEL AND EASTERN CHIPMUNK IN THE SOUTHERN APPALACHIANS

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Observations of Long-tailed Weasel (*Mustela frenata*) are rare within the southern Appalachians, while observations of Eastern Chipmunk (*Tamias striatus*) in high-elevation spruce-fir forests are uncommon. We conducted camera trap surveys at Roan Mountain Highlands in Red Spruce (*Picea rubens*) – Fraser Fir (*Abies fraseri*) forest during summer 2016. During the survey, we observed a Long-tailed Weasel at 1893 m in elevation and an Eastern Chipmunk at 1703 m in elevation. These are the highest elevation records for both species in the eastern United States outside of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and the highest elevation record for Long-tailed Weasel in North Carolina.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING AND SUBMITTING ABSTRACTS

Abstract submittal deadline is January 10, 2020. Abstracts should be <300 words and include the name, organization, and address of authors, title, study justification, objectives, brief methods, summarized results, and discussion of results. Underline the name of the author that will be presenting the paper. Indicate if the abstract is for an oral or poster presentation. Submit abstracts electronically in Microsoft Word format to scastle@uga.edu; include "Abstract" in the subject line.

All oral presentations must be on Microsoft PowerPoint, Apple Keynote, or Adobe PDF. If you are using PowerPoint, please be sure all photos, graphics, and videos are included in one folder with your presentation. Early submission of presentations via e-mail is strongly encouraged. Presentations brought to the meeting must be on a flash drive.

A total of 15 minutes will be allotted for oral presentations. Plan your talk to be 12-13 minutes to allow time for questions. Your presentation time will be specified in the meeting agenda that will be sent to registrants prior to the meeting.

Follow the format guidelines below when preparing your abstract. An example abstract is provided on the previous page.

- Title should be in all capital letters, bold and centered
- Include names and current addresses of authors after the title
- Italicize addresses of authors
- Underline the name of the presenter
- Indicate student presenters with an asterisk (*)
- Use 12-point Times New Roman font
- Use 1-inch margins on all sides
- Left justify only (everything except the title)

Follow the guidelines below for preparing posters

- Overall size should be no larger than 36 x 48 inches
- Should be readable from a distance of 2 m
- Title should be capitalized with lettering in 72-point font
- Authors and affiliations should be in upper- and lower-case in 42-point font
- Text lettering should be at least 18-point font
- Most posters should include the following sections: Abstract, Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results and Discussion, Conclusions, Literature Cited
- Keep written text to a minimum. "Bullets" and short phrases are most effective