



**26<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of  
the Southeastern Bat  
Diversity Network and the  
31<sup>st</sup> Annual Colloquium  
on the Conservation of  
Mammals in the  
Southeastern U.S**

**Thursday, February 25th, 2021  
10 am – 6 pm EST**

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

We invite you to join us for the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Bat Diversity Network and 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Colloquium on the Conservation of Mammals in the Southeastern United States virtually on February 25th, 2021. This virtual meeting will bring together biologists, private and public land managers, private consultation organizations, educational institutions, and citizen scientists from across the Southeast.

**Online Registration:** <https://sbdn.org/shop/2021-virtual-sbdn-meeting-registration/>

**Registration Cost:**

Professional Meeting Registration and SBDN Membership = \$21

Meeting Registration Only = \$21

Student Meeting Registration and SBDN Membership = \$11

Student Meeting Registration Only = \$11

**Program Overview:** This one-day meeting will consist of a plenary session, poster sessions, SBDN Business Meeting and an informal social.

**Plenary Session:** General Topic - Cross-species virus transmission among mammals. Planning is still underway. Please contact [Holly Ober](#) if you have any suggestions or would like to assist with session planning.

**Poster Sessions:** We invite all interested parties with research and monitoring topics involving mammals to present findings during one of the poster sessions. See the Call for Poster Abstracts below for more information.

Virtual Platforms: We are planning to conduct the meeting through a combination of [Zoom](#) and [Gathertown](#) platforms.

## CALL FOR POSTER ABSTRACTS

The 2021 meeting will provide a forum for student and professional poster presentations on any topic related to mammals. 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. Please follow the instructions below for submitting abstracts and preparing poster presentations.

**The deadline for abstract submittal is January 22, 2021.**

Note: All presenters must register for the meeting. Registration information will be available soon at <https://sbdn.org/annual-meeting/>. Your poster session presentation time will be specified in the meeting agenda that will be sent to registrants prior to the meeting.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING AND SUBMITTING ABSTRACTS

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**Abstract submittal deadline is January 22, 2021.** 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 poster. Submit abstracts electronically in Microsoft Word format to [Katherine Etchison](#) and include “Abstract SBDN 2021” in the subject line.

**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)

## 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.

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#### Follow the guidelines below for preparing posters

- Overall size should be 12x9 inches
- Title should be capitalized with lettering around 32-point font
- Authors and affiliations should be in upper- and lower-case around 20-point font
- Text lettering should be at least 14-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