



## Meeting Announcement

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# 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Southeastern Bat Diversity Network & 35<sup>th</sup> Colloquium on the Conservation of Mammals in the Southeastern United States

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We invite you to join us for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Bat Diversity Network and 35<sup>th</sup> Colloquium on the Conservation of Mammals in the Southeastern United States to be held February 12-14, 2025, at the Hilton Lexington/Downtown in Lexington, Kentucky. This annual meeting brings together biologists, private and public land managers, private consultation organizations, educational institutions, and citizen scientists from across the Southeast.

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**Registration:** Please register online at <https://sbdn.org/shop/2025-annual-meeting/>  
Student: \$150 (\$200 after January 6<sup>th</sup>); Professional: \$250 (\$300 after January 6<sup>th</sup>)  
Refunds will not be remitted after close of business on January 6<sup>th</sup>

*Cost of registration this year includes breakfast on Thursday and Friday,  
as well as a banquet dinner on Thursday night*

***Sponsors should register using the no cost registration option***

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**Lodging:** Hilton Lexington/Downtown  
369 W Vine St, Lexington, KY 40507

[Click here for the link specific to our block of reserved rooms!](#)

***Edit duration of stay by selecting the calendar option  
after clicking 'book a room!'***

Phone for the hotel is 859-231-9000; Group Code is **SBATDN**  
Block room rates are \$118 / night; Rate of 2025 prevailing gov't per diem  
Free parking with hotel reservation  
Block room rate valid for nights of Wed (12<sup>th</sup>), Thurs (13<sup>th</sup>), & Fri (14<sup>th</sup>)  
Reservations may be canceled 24 hours in advance (deposit refunded)  
Reservations canceled within 24 hrs of arrival will be charged for 1<sup>st</sup> night  
Hotel parking for registrants not staying at discounted rate (\$5 / daily)

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**Sponsors:** Contact Megan Wallrichs at [mwallrichs@envsi.com](mailto:mwallrichs@envsi.com)

**Working Groups:** Contact Courtney Hayes at [courtney.hayes@ky.gov](mailto:courtney.hayes@ky.gov)

## **Program Overview (Subject to Change):**

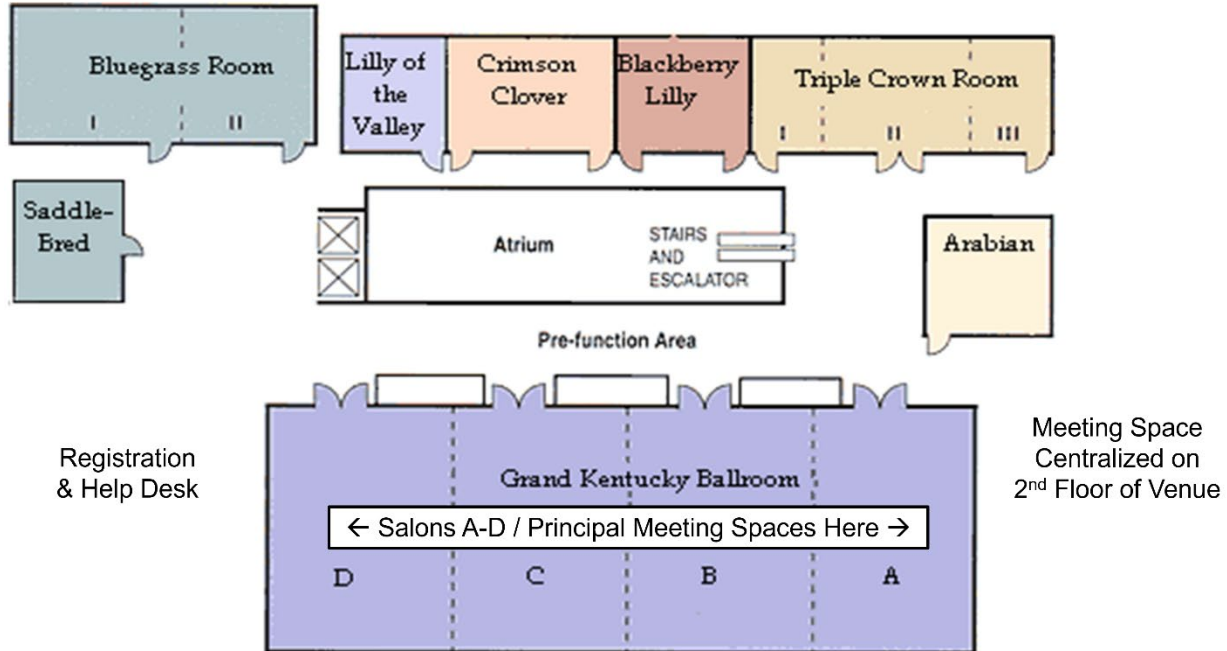
<u>Wed, Feb 12</u>	<u>SBDN Exec Committee Mtg, Welcome Social</u>
3 pm – 6 pm	Registration
3 pm – 6 pm	Sponsor/Exhibitor Setup/Display (Prefunction Area)
3 pm – 5 pm	Working Group Meetings / Vendor Workshops (Salon A, Salon B)
3 pm – 5 pm	SBDN Executive Committee Meeting (Arabian Board Room)
5 pm – 6 pm	Vintage Pour Bourbon Tasting (\$60 Pre-registration Required)
6 pm – 8 pm	Welcome Social at LexLive (\$30 Pre-registration Required)

<u>Thurs, Feb 13</u>	<u>SBDN and Associated Meetings</u>
7 am – 8 am	Continental Breakfast (Provided)
7 am – 6 pm	Registration
7 am – 6 pm	Mammal Trivia Challenge (Crimson Clover)
7 am – 12 pm	Sponsor/Exhibitor Setup/Display
8 am – 12 pm	Working Group Meetings / Vendor Workshops (Salon A)
8 am – 12 pm	Working Group Meetings / Vendor Workshops (Salon B)
12 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch (On Your Own)
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Plenary Session: Bat Conservation in Kentucky Intermixed with SBDN Business Meeting (Salon CD)
4:30 pm – 6 pm	Break and Poster Setup
6 pm – 7 pm	Banquet Dinner (Provided) (Grand Kentucky Ballroom)
7 pm – 10 pm	Social, Poster Session, Silent Auction (Grand Kentucky Ballroom)

<u>Friday, Feb 14</u>	<u>Colloquium on the Conservation of Mammals</u>
7 am – 8 am	Continental Breakfast (Provided)
7 am – 12 pm	Registration
7 am – 12 pm	Mammal Trivia Challenge (Crimson Clover)
8 am – 10 am	Concurrent Oral Presentations (Salon AB, Salon CD)
10 am – 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am – 12 pm	Concurrent Oral Presentations (Salon AB, Salon CD)
12 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch (On Your Own)
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Concurrent Oral Presentations (Salon AB, Salon CD)
3:30 pm – 4 pm	Awards, Announcements, and Closing Remarks (Salon CD)

**Mammal Colloquium:** We invite all interested parties with research topics involving mammals to present findings in either a poster (Thursday PM) or oral (Friday) presentation. We encourage students, professors, researchers, and policy makers to share their knowledge. Instructions for submitting abstracts and guidelines for poster presentations are provided in this meeting announcement.

# Hilton Lexington/Downtown



## Wednesday Bourbon Tasting:

February 12<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm - 6 pm  
Hilton Hotel Room, TBD

## Vintage Pour Speakeasy Bourbon Tasting

*Hosted by Mark Gumbert (Copperhead Consulting) and Todd McDaniel (HMB)*

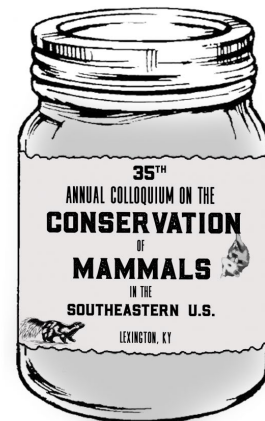
**\$60**

**Proceeds go to the**

**Krusac-Bellwood Student Grant**

Register alongside or  
separate from the meeting...  
Capped at 20 attendees!

(If there is overwhelming interest, another date and time may be added ☺)



**Wed Night Social:** LexLive, Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm - 8 pm  
301 S Broadway, Lexington, KY 40508  
5 min walk uphill from Hilton  
Register alongside / separate from the meeting...  
Heavy appetizers, free bowling, cash bar, and arcade!



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## *The Winning Ticket*

Available January 16th - November 14th  
Sunday-Thursday: \$29.99/pp++  
Friday & Saturday (Before 4pm): \$34.99/pp++

**PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

- FUN:** 2 Hours of Bowling/ Shoe Rental
- DRINK:** Unlimited Soft Drinks
- FOOD:** Select 3 Appetizers



**Also... For Thurs and Friday:**

LexLive will offer a lunch deal for conference participants!

\$10 (tax + gratuity not included) / Registration badge required / Choice of:

Hamburger & Fries, Chicken Tenders & Fries,

or Personal Pan Pizza (Cheese, Pepperoni, Margherita)

**Donate Items for the Silent Auction:**

A silent auction will be held on Thursday evening during the evening poster session and social. Last call for bids will be at the end of the poster session. Forms of payment accepted include cash, credit card, and check. ***But cash is preferred!*** Proceeds from the auction will fund our Student Travel Award Program (<http://sbdn.org/student-travel-award-program/>). Donated items can be submitted at the registration desk during the meeting. For questions or to donate items in advance, contact Luke Dodd ([luke.dodd@eku.edu](mailto:luke.dodd@eku.edu)).

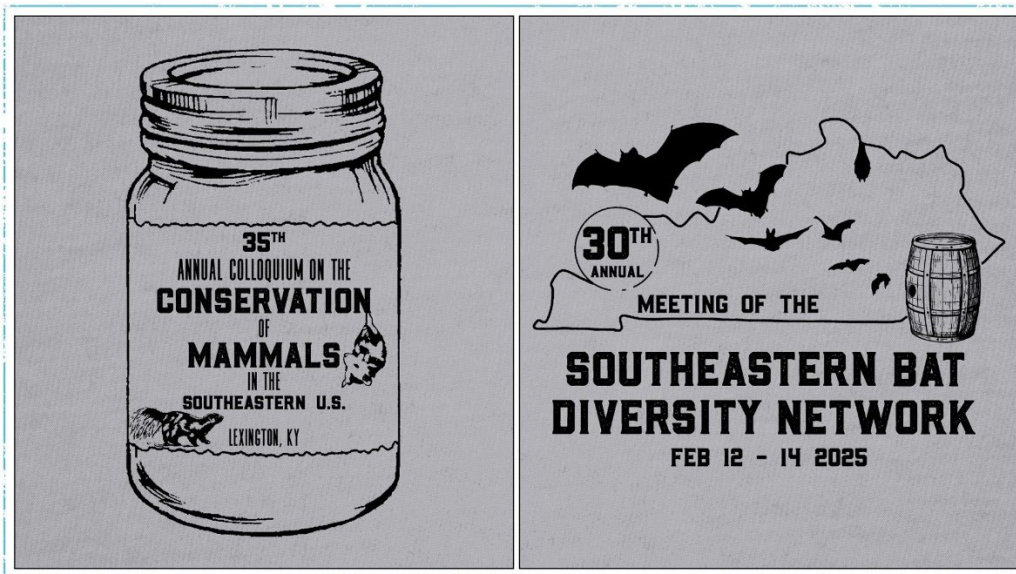
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**Order Your Meeting Shirt When You Register!**

Gray and Black Baseball Style Long-Sleeve T-Shirt

Cost is \$25 / Small – 3XL (Unisex Sizing)

*Note – Shirts are only available for pick-up at the conference and **cannot** be shipped thereafter.*



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Print 6"  
from Collar



### **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 policymakers 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 submission is January 8, 2025.

**Note** - All oral and poster presenters 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:**

Subject Line of Email: 2025 Colloquium Abstract Submission [Submitter's Last Name]

Presentation Type: Poster / Oral Presentation

Presenter Status: Student / Professional

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 submission deadline is January 8, 2025. 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 (word limit does not include title or author information). 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 in .doc or .docx file format to Dr. Scott Bergeson [bergesos@pfw.edu](mailto:bergesos@pfw.edu) and specify “2025 Colloquium Abstract Submission [Submitter’s Last Name]” in the subject line.

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!