



MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT
**36TH COLLOQUIUM ON THE CONSERVATION OF MAMMALS
& THE SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES & 31ST MEETING OF THE
SOUTHEASTERN BAT DIVERSITY NETWORK**

We invite you to join us 11 – 13 March 2026, at the Royal Sonesta in New Orleans, Louisiana. This annual meeting brings together biologists, private and public land managers, private consultation organizations, educational institutions, and citizen scientists from across the Southeast. This meeting announcement includes information on registration, lodging, call for papers, and meeting events.

REGISTRATION

\$150 for students and \$250 for professionals
(\$200/\$300 after 13 February 2026)
Register online at <https://sbdn.org/shop/2026-annual-meeting/>

Registration includes Thursday and Friday breakfasts and heavy hors d'oeuvres on Thursday night during the poster session.

Refunds will not be remitted after close of business on Friday 13 February 2026.

LODGING

[Royal Sonesta of New Orleans](#)
[300 Bourbon Street New Orleans, Louisiana 70130](#)

\$179/night; rate of 2025 prevailing government per diem
\$55/night parking with unlimited in/out access
Block room rates available through 17 February 2026

Click [HERE](#), scan QR code, or call to reserve rooms



Hotel: 504-586-0300
Group Code: 022426SBDN

Reservations may be canceled 48 hours in advance (deposit refunded)

SPONSORS

Contact Megan Wallrichs at mwallrichs@envsi.com for sponsorship information

**WORKING
GROUPS**

Contact Chuck Battaglia at cbattaglia@wlf.la.gov to request meeting space

**CALL FOR
PAPERS**

Submit abstracts to SBDNMCabstracts2026@gmail.com
Subject Line: 2026 Colloquium Abstract Submission [Submitter's Last Name]
Deadline: 13 February 2026

Detailed submission instructions provided at the end of this meeting announcement.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW*

WEDNESDAY MARCH 11TH	
3:00PM – 6:00PM	Registration
3:00PM – 6:00PM	Sponsor/Exhibitor Setup
3:00PM – 5:00PM	SBDN Executive Committee Meeting
3:00PM – 6:30PM	New Orleans Swamp Boat Tour (\$70 pre-registration required)
5:00PM – 6:00PM	Vintage Pour Bourbon Tasting (\$100 pre-registration required)
6:00PM – 9:00PM	Welcome Social at Emporium Arcade Bar (\$30 pre-registration required, 21+)
THURSDAY MARCH 12TH	
7:00AM – 8:00AM	Continental breakfast (provided)
7:00AM – 6:00PM	Registration
7:00AM – 6:00PM	Mammal Trivia Challenge
7:00AM – 12:00PM	Sponsor/Exhibitor Setup
8:00AM – 12:00PM	Working Group meetings/ Vendor workshops
12:00PM – 1:30PM	Lunch (on your own)
1:30PM – 4:30PM	Plenary Session; Dr. Troy Best Memorial, and SBDN Business Meeting
4:30PM – 6:00PM	<i>Break and Poster Setup</i>
6:00PM – 10:00PM	Social, Poster Session, and Silent Auction (heavy hors d'oeuvres, cash bar)
FRIDAY MARCH 13TH	
7:00AM – 8:00AM	Continental breakfast (provided)
7:00AM – 12:00PM	Registration
7:00AM – 12:00PM	Mammal Trivia Challenge
8:00AM – 10:00AM	Concurrent Oral Presentations
10:00AM – 10:30AM	<i>Break</i>
10:30AM – 12:00PM	Concurrent Oral Presentations
12:00PM – 1:30PM	Lunch (on your own)
1:30PM – 3:30PM	Concurrent Oral Presentations
3:30PM – 4:00PM	Awards, Announcements, and Closing Remarks

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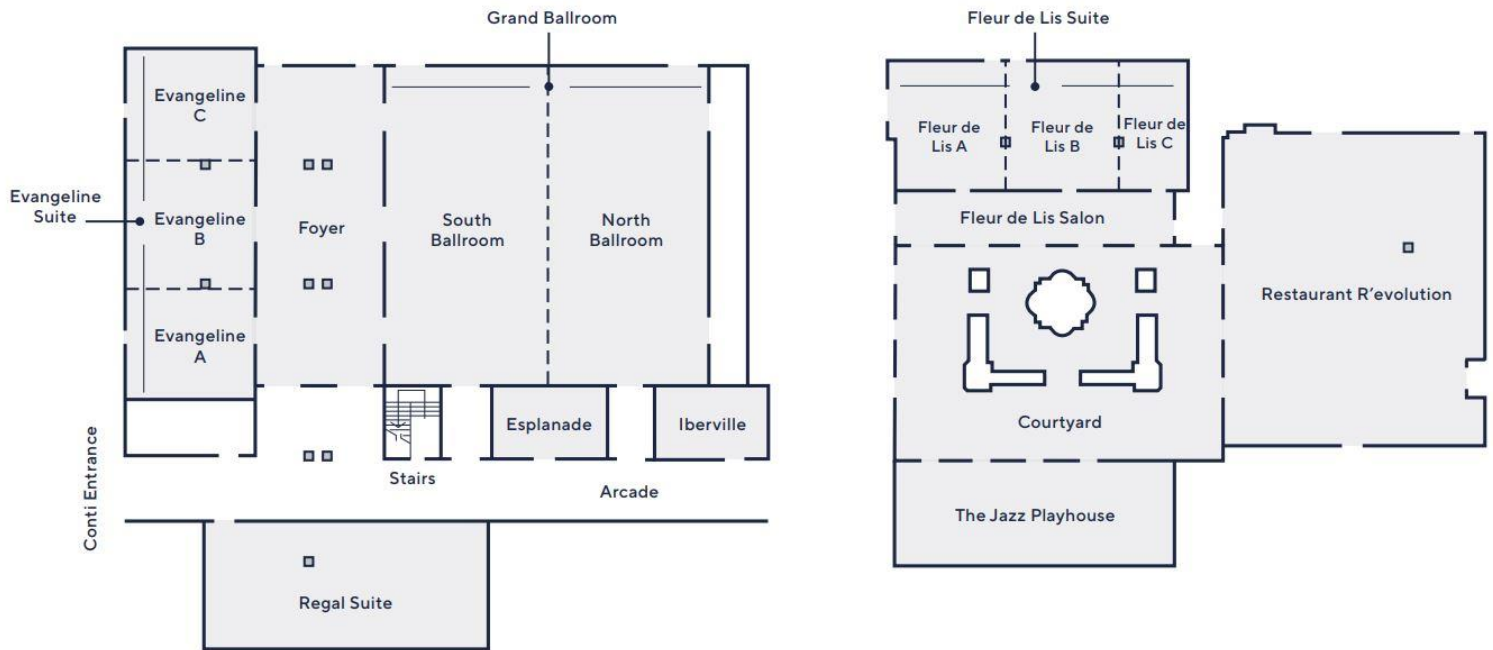
Call for Mammal Colloquium Abstracts:

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 presentation guidelines are provided at the end of this meeting announcement.



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NEW ORLEANS

LOBBY LEVEL - FIRST FLOOR



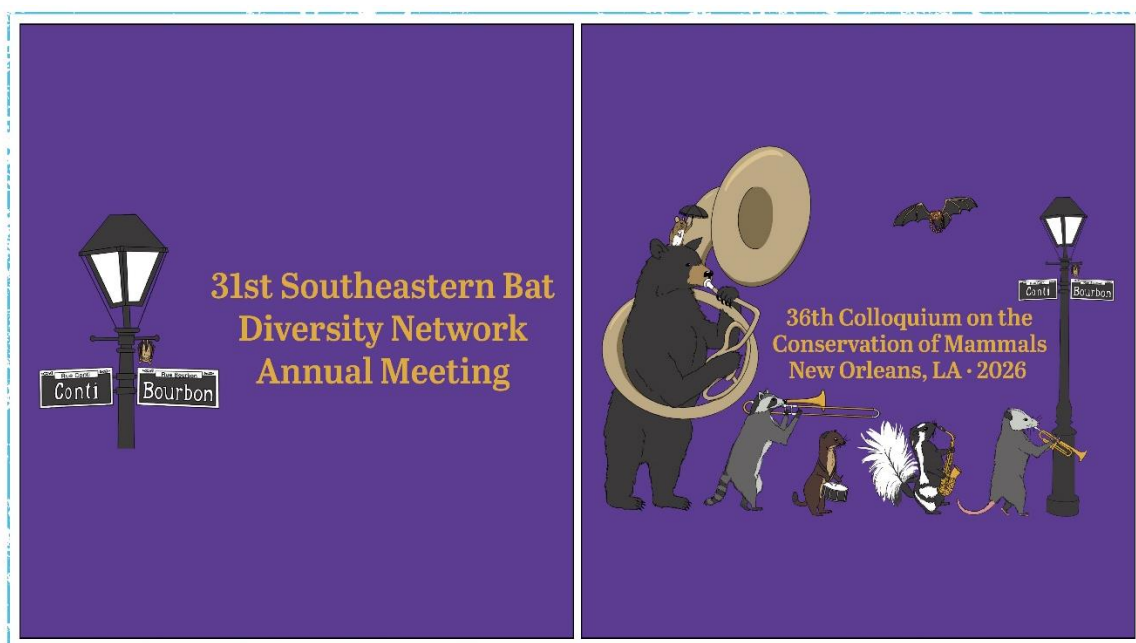
ORDER YOUR MEETING SHIRT WHEN YOU REGISTER!

Purple Performance Style Long-Sleeve T-Shirt (Men's Sizing)

\$25 S – XL | \$27 2XL | \$28 3XL

Size Chart (inches)	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Body Length	25.25	26.25	27.25	28.25	29.25	29.75	30.75
Chest Width	18.5	20	21.5	23	24.5	26	27.5
Sleeve Length	33	33.5	34.5	35.5	36.5	37.5	38.5

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



MOCK-UPS NOT TO SCALE. COLORS MAY VARY.



Wednesday Evening Bourbon Tasting

March 11th, **05:00PM – 06:00PM**

Location: on a *need-to-know* basis...

\$100.00 per person, MUST be 21 years of age to attend

Capped at 25 attendees

Join us Wednesday evening for a vintage pour speakeasy bourbon tasting hosted by the illustrious Mark Gumbert (Copperhead Consulting) and Todd McDaniel (HMB). Register with or separate from the meeting. Event details will be emailed to participants closer to the meeting data.

All proceeds go to the Krusac-Bellwood Student Research Grant



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 Chuck Battaglia (cbattaglia@wlf.la.gov) or Luke Dodd (luke.dodd@eku.edu).



Wednesday Night Social

March 11, **06:00PM – 09:00PM**

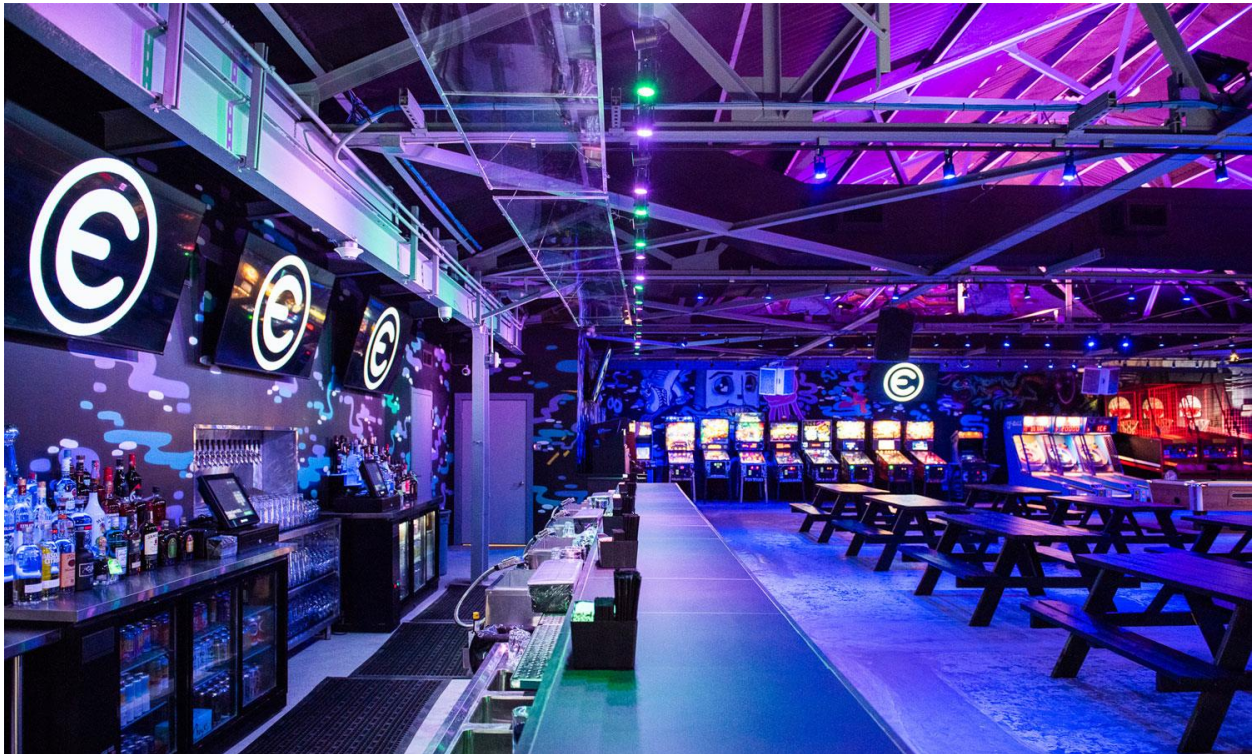
[New Orleans Emporium Arcade Bar \(2231 St. Claude Ave., New Orleans, LA 70117\)](#)

1.3 miles from Royal Sonesta Hotel

\$30.00 per person, MUST be 21 years of age to attend

Register with or separate from the meeting

Food and limited alcoholic drink included and cash bar after limit met. Lil' Dizzys Café will be catering; food will include jambalaya, red beans and rice, bread pudding, and much more! Vegetarian options will be available. There will be PLENTY of food so come hungry! Tokens available for purchase at venue to play arcade games!



Wednesday New Orleans Swamp Boat Tour

March 11, **03:00PM – 06:30PM**

\$70.00 per person

Capped at 72 attendees

3:00PM – Board buses at Royal Sonesta (300 Bourbon Street)

4:00PM – Boat tour begins

6:30PM – Expected return time to hotel

New Orleans is synonymous with its iconic swamps. Register with or separate from the meeting to tour the swamps from a boat with local guides. Enjoy the raw and unrefined beauty of the Louisiana swamps with an up close and personal view of the creatures that inhabit it including alligators, turtles, whitetail deer, wild boar, owls, waterfowl, raccoons, and much more! This extremely unique tour will take you to the most remote places New Orleans has to offer!



Abstract Submission Instructions

Abstracts should include the name, organization, and address of authors, title, study justification, objectives, brief methods, summarized results, and discussion of results. Follow the instructions below for submitting abstracts.

Abstract Submission Guidelines:

- Abstract body word limit is ≤300 words (not including title or author information)
- 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 (*), if applicable
- Use 12-point Arial font
- Use 1-inch margins on all sides
- Left justify only (everything except the title)
- Include presentation type (oral or poster), presenter status (student or professional), and presenter's email.
- Send abstract in a .doc or .docx file format

Submit abstracts to SBDNMCabstracts2026@gmail.com

Include "2026 Colloquium Abstract Submission [Submitter's Last Name]" in the Subject Line

The deadline for abstract submissions is Friday 13 February 2026.

Example Abstract:

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.

Presentation Guidelines

Presenters must be registered meeting attendees.

Oral Presentations:

Oral presentations will be on Friday 13 March from 8:00AM – 3:30PM. Your presentation time will be specified in the meeting agenda that will be sent to registrants prior to the meeting. Early submission of presentations via web upload is strongly encouraged. Upload instructions will be communicated with presenters closer to the meeting date. Presentations uploaded at the meeting must be on a flash drive.

Format Guidelines:

- Presentations are 15 minutes, plan your talk to be 12 – 13 minutes to allow time for questions
 - Presentations must be in Microsoft PowerPoint or Adobe PDF format.
 - Ensure all graphics are embedded within or included in one folder with your presentation.
 - If you are unable to have your presentation in PowerPoint or PDF, please contact meeting organizers before the meeting.
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Poster Presentations:

Posters will be presented during the poster session/social on Thursday 12 March from 6:00PM-10:00PM. Poster stands are provided. Details on poster setup will be provided at the meeting during registration. Presenters are encouraged to stand by their posters from 7:00PM – 9:00PM. Posters must be removed by 10:00PM.

Format Guidelines:

- Size and orientation:
 - 36 inches x 48 inches,
 - Landscape orientation preferred.
- Main points and figures should be readable 3 – 10 feet away:
 - Title: 72-point font
 - Authors/Affiliations and Headings/Subheadings: 40-point font
 - Body Text: 24-point+ font
 - Use simple sans-serif fonts (e.g., Arial, Helvetica, Verdana, Calibri)
- Typical poster components:
 - Abstract,
 - Introduction,
 - Materials and Methods,
 - Results and Discussion,
 - Conclusions, and
 - Literature Cited
- Remember: bullet points, short phrases, and graphics are most effective!