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Newsletter of the Louisiana Association of Professional Biologists Louisiana Chapter of The Wildlife Society

LAPB 2017 Fall Symposium Dates Set

Dates for the LAPB/TWS 2017 Symposium have been set for August 10-11 with a field trip on August 09. This year we will meet at McNeese State University Campus, Lake Charles, LA in Gayle Hall. Oral presentations on recent natural resources research relevant to Louisiana will be given by university students from across the state on Thursday morning and continue through Thursday afternoon. The LAPB/LA Chapter TWS Fall Business Meeting will be held at the conclusion of the day's speakers.

Thursday night is the organization's Social and Dinner that is highlighted by the presentation of student and publication awards, a falconry display, and photography contest. Friday morning begins with poster presentations from university students and from professional biologists.

A special **Focus Session** will follow the poster session on Friday morning. The special session will focus on the **Chenier Plain** and should be of interest to all attendees.

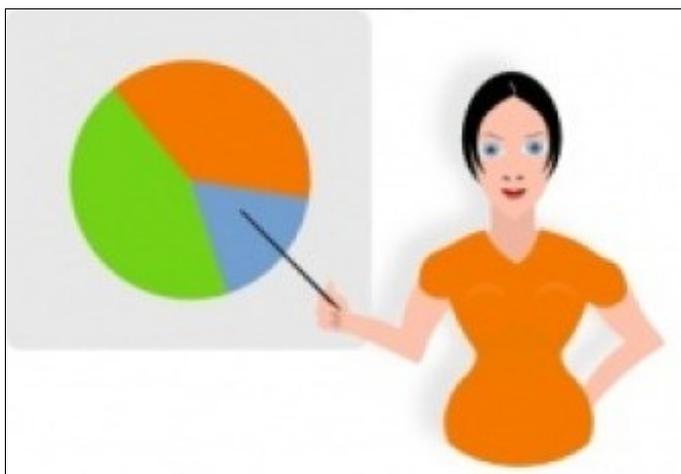
Registration is online or at the door and costs \$25.00 for regular annual membership (\$10.00 for student annual membership), \$10.00 for the Symposium, plus an additional fee for the social and supper. For more information contact Jeff Duguay, LAPB President-Elect at 225-371-2682 or jduguay@wlf.la.gov.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

Thursday 10th

- 8:00 Registration begins
- 9:00-9:20 **Effects of timber harvest on avian abundance and diversity.** McKenzie E. Brandon, Madelyn McFarland, and Dr. Kevin Ringelman.
- 9:20-9:40 **Avian use of a bottomland hardwood afforestation site in the Red River Alluvial Valley.** Colby W. Sharp and Heidi L. Adams
- 9:40-10:00 **Influence of Habitat Type on the Diet of Feral Hogs.** Raymond P. Kidder II, A. Nikki Anderson, James M. LaCour
- 10:00-10:30 **Break**
- 10:30-10:50 **Evaluation of space use during the laying period for wild turkeys (Meleagris gallopavo) in Louisiana.** Landon Schofield, Cody Cedotal, Bret Collier
- 10:50-11:10 **Wild turkey incubation recess habitat use.** Nicholas Bakner, Cody Cedotal, Bret A. Collier
- 11:10-11:50 **Effects of energy development on waterfowl nesting ecology in the Bakken Formation of North Dakota.** Cassandra G. Skaggs1*, Kevin M. Ringelman, Kaylan Carrlson, Chuck Loesch, Frank Rohwer, and Michael L. Szymanski

- 11:50-1:30 **Lunch on your own**
- 1:30-1:50 **Long-term impacts of Deepwater Horizon oil exposure on the southern ribbed mussel (*Geukensia granosissima*): implications for salt marsh-stabilizing facilitation.** Kellyn LaCour-Conant, David S. Johnson, John W. Fleeger, Donald R. Deis, Qianxin Lin, Aixin Hou, Sean A. Graham
- 1:50-2:10 **Effects of depredation and storm surge on hatching success of least tern nests on a renourished southeast Louisiana beach.** Sarah Bolinger, Melinda Averhart, Erik I. Johnson, and Kacy Ray
- 2:10-2:30 **Forested wetland water source investigation using stable isotopes of hydrogen and oxygen as tracers.** Mary Grace Lemon and Richard Keim
11:15-11:30
- 2:30-2:50 **Bottomland hardwood tree species regeneration: seedling response to flood timing.** Whitney A. Kroschel and Sammy L. King
- 3:00-4:00 LABP Fall Business Meeting
- 4:00-7:00 Social (catered meal); Student presentation awards, falconry display, photography contest
- Friday August 11th**
- 8:00-9:20 Poster Session (with coffee)
- 9:30-12:10 Focus Session on the Chenier Plain
- 12:10-12:30 Presentation of Poster Awards and Closing Comments



Chris Reid, LDWF, will be hosting a field trip on 09 August to the Chenier Plain to discuss prairie restoration research at the Gray Ranch. Plant identification and prairie habitat will also be covered. **Cody Cedotal**, LDWF, will discuss quail habitat and management as well. This field trip is limited to 15 people and advanced registration is required. There is a \$25 fee for the field trip. Registration information will be posted on the LAPB website www.labiologists.org. Registrants should contact Jeff Duguay for meeting time and location. 225-765-2353; jduguay@wlf.la.gov

Falconry Session

Rusty Scarborough, Sr. Parks Naturalist/Park Manager with Walter B. Jacobs Memorial Nature Park will be conducting a falconry session during the **evening social** on Thursday (8/10). Mr. Scarborough will provide hands-on training as well as live birds of falconry exhibited. Participants will not be allowed to hold the birds but photos with the birds will be allowed.



Photography Contest

The contest is open to all registered conference attendees and winners will be announced during the **evening social**. Awards will be given.

Photography Contest Guidelines:

- Photographs must be captured with a digital or film camera
- Photographs must be in color or black-and-white prints, with a minimum size of 8" x 10" and maximum size of 8" x 12"
- Entries must be mounted on a stiff 11" x 14" black backing
- Framed prints will not be accepted
- Do not place your name or caption on photo. Place your name on the back of your backing

The contest will be open to all registered conference attendees and winners will be announced during the evening social, so make plans to attend the social for 2017. Any wildlife/biology/landscape/research, etc. type theme will be allowed. There is an entry fee of \$5 per photo with a maximum of 10 entries per individual.

You may register the day of the symposium (Thursday). Thursday entry deadline is 12 noon. OR you may send early entries (mounted on black backing) to: Jeff Duguay, LDWF, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808. Mail in entry deadline is 01 August 2017

Who We Are

The Louisiana Association of Professional Biologists is a diverse group of natural resource specialists including, but not limited to, foresters, botanists, wildlife biologists, wetland scientists, fisheries biologists, and students who are dedicated to the economically sound and science-based protection, management, and use of Louisiana's natural resources through peer-reviewed research, mentoring, ecologically sound habitat management, and informed public policy.

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