

# Student Activities at the 69th Annual Conference of the Southeastern Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies



## 2015 SEAFWA Student Field Trip SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2015 from 1:00-5:00 PM

We will meet in front of the *Renaissance Asheville Hotel* (main entrance, 31 Woodfin St., Asheville, NC) at 12:45 pm, then leave by van for the Marion State Fish Hatchery, a coldwater trout hatchery. Next, we will visit the Swannanoa field station to learn about the urban bear project of NCWRC and NCSU, and a bear den within the Asheville city limits.

We will learn about the hatchery's aquatic nongame program and trout hatchery projects. In Swannanoa, we will learn how bears are captured, handled, measured, and collared, as well as taking a visit to an urban bear den.



There is no fee for the field trip, but attendees must pre-register.

### Welcome Reception

Join professionals and fellow students at the Welcome Reception on *Sunday evening, November 1st, from 6:00-8:00 pm*. Professionals who registered to be mentors will have a mentor ribbon on their name tag. At registration, each student will receive a Networking Challenge Card, and the winner of the Challenge will get a complimentary gift at the Awards Banquet, Tuesday evening. This Reception is the beginning of your opportunities to network and form long-term professional connections!

### Student / Mentor Lunch

There will be a student / mentor lunch on *Monday, November 2nd, from 12:00-1:00 pm at the Four Points by Sheraton Asheville Downtown* (22 Woodfin St., Asheville, NC). During the luncheon, students will have an opportunity to meet and network with professionals and colleagues. There is no fee for the luncheon, but you must pre-register and indicate the topics about which you are most interested (e.g., nongame fish conservation, outreach and education, white-tailed deer management, coastal waterbird conservation, etc.).

#### Co-Chairs of the Student Activities Committee

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# Student Field Trip Itinerary

*Sunday, November 1st, 1-5 pm*



- 12:45** Meet with van drivers, provide schedule, directions, addresses, cell phone numbers; load students (check off pre-registered list)
- 1:00** Leave for Marion Fish Hatchery.
- 1:30** Arrive at Marion Fish Hatchery and meet Stephen Fraley and others for information about the hatchery (its history and current goals and achievements), see the trout, mussels, and other species; learn how they are raised and managed, and learn how and when they are released. Learn about whirling disease and other issues hatcheries work with. Learn the back ground of the people working at fish hatcheries and the variety of jobs they work on throughout the year.
- 2:30** Leave for Swannanoa.
- 3:00** Arrive at Swannanoa to learn about the urban bear project from Nick Gould (learn about the project's history, who is working on the project, project's objectives and achievements); learn how the bears are captured, handled, and marked. Travel to den site to learn where, when, and how bears adapt to urban environments.
- 5:00** Stop at main entrance to Renaissance Hotel to drop off students and others.