Bat Ecology and Field Techniques Workshop

Co-sponsored by TWS Central Coast Chapter and TWS Western Section July 30 – Aug 2, 2009 at Chimineas Ranch (Eastern San Luis Obispo County, Carrizo Plain)

Instructors:

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Description:

(See <u>Draft Schedule</u>) This workshop will introduce participants to the ecology and conservation of California bats through lectures and demonstrations on species accounts, physiology, anatomy, behavioral ecology, conservation issues, and mitigation strategies. Field techniques of mist-netting, assessing species presence or absence, and acoustic monitoring will be demonstrated with participants gaining hands-on experience in mist-net set-up and acoustic monitoring and analysis. Evening field excursions typically capture a half dozen bat species and allow practice in recording data from captured bats.

Handling Requirements:

Participants must provide proof of rabies vaccination or sufficient rabies antibody titer results within past 3 years to handle bats.

20 participants maximum! Pre-registration required by July 20, 2009

Registration Fees and Details:

Registration fee includes 3 nights' lodging, gourmet meals and beverages from Thursday dinner through Sunday lunch, and all workshop materials. Registration starts June 2009. There is a cancellation fee of \$50 applied up to 14 days prior to the workshop. After that date, no refunds will be given regardless of personal or professional emergency. However, the registration may be transferred to another registrant from the same organization.

\$460 Western Section Members

\$250 Students with proof of current (half-time minimum) university affiliation or Young Professionals (within 6 months of graduation from university or employed part-time or seasonally in a wildlife technician position. \$495 Others

The maximum enrollment is 20 after which, a waiting list will be kept. A minimum of 12 participants must register for the workshop by July 15 or the workshop will be cancelled and all registration fees will be returned. Registrants will be processed in the order received and successful registrants will receive workshop logistics and information once full payment is confirmed received.

To Register:

All registrants please complete <u>on-line registration form</u> starting June 15, 2009; credit cards accepted on-line. Payment by purchase order or check should be accompanied by a printout of the online registration form and sent to:

The Western Section of The Wildlife Society attn: Bat Workshop Post Office Box 13543 San Luis Obispo, CA 93406 - 3543