

Newsletter of the Southeastern Chapter of ESA Issue 99-3

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ESA Meeting in Spokane

The Southeastern Chapter will hold an informal brown bag lunch at the Annual ESA meeting in Spokane on Monday, August 9 from 12:30-1:30 in the SE Exhibits Hall. We will have a table reserved there. Buy your sandwich and come by and eat with us. Be sure to visit our Web page (<http://www.auburn.edu/seesa/>) for any updates.

Odum Award Best Student Paper

This is a reminder that the Abstracts for the year 2000 Odum Award Best Student Paper will be due around the middle of November with other abstracts for the Annual Meeting of the Association of Southeastern Biologist. The call for paper will be in the ASB Bulletin. The award is \$500. Dr. Ken Marion of the Biology Department, University of Alabama-Birmingham is Chair of the Award Committee.

Funding of Odum Award

Currently there are \$4500 available to fund the Odum Award. Interest from this fund does not cover the cost of the award each year. Therefore, the Chapter is slowly using the principal. We are asking each Chapter member to include \$10 for the Odum Award fund when you renew your ESA membership this year. Just add \$10 and designate it the SE Chapter Odum Award Fund.

Southeast Chapter Field Trip at the ASB Meeting in Chattanooga, Tennessee in April 2000

Biodiversity of the Southeast Field Trip, sponsored by the Southeastern Chapter of the Ecological Society of America is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, 2000, at the Association of Southeastern Biologists Annual Meeting in Chattanooga, TN.

Purpose: The purpose of this field trip is to examine the various communities and biodiversity of an upland forest (terrestrial) and a reservoir (aquatic). We will view and discuss forest communities of Prentice-Cooper State Forest and aquatic communities of Nickajack Lake Reservoir. The day's discussions and examples will focus on the pertinent chapters from the book series Biodiversity of the Southeastern United States. The field trip is intended to build camaraderie and expand our, often, focused careers. We also encourage graduate students to participate.

Proposed Itinerary: The daylong field trip will begin at 8:00 a.m. from the Conference Center and return by 5:30 p.m. The group (no more than twenty) will be split in two, examining aquatic diversity for one half of the day and terrestrial diversity for the second half. The groups will meet for lunch around 12:30 p.m. The field trips will include simple sampling of the various communities and the discussion of the rare and unique flora and fauna.

For further details, contact Scott Franklin (Terrestrial Diversity Leader; sfrankli@memphis.edu) or Jack Grubaugh (Aquatic Diversity Leader; grubaugh@latte.memphis.edu).

Join the Southeast Chapter of ESA LISTSERVER

In conjunction with the Chapter Web page, Mark MacKenzie has set up a ListServer to let you know each time the Web page is updated. To join the ListServer send a message to <majordomo@mail.auburn.edu> with the following command in the body of your email message:

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Comments from Secretary

Use the Southeast Chapter of ESA Web Site (<http://www.auburn.edu/seesa/>) to keep abreast of Chapter News and events. The Web site is updated with any breaking news. If you have News or announcement send them to Mark Mackenzie (mackenzi@forestry.auburn.edu) who updates the Web site. Send the officers any comments or concerns you have.

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