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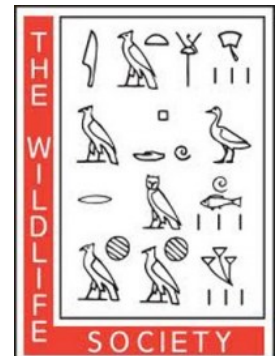
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2015 MOTWS Committees

- Audit**-----Kevin Hedgpeth
- Chambers Scholarship**-----Dan Zekor and Luke Miller
- Education/MU Fellowship**-----Josh Millsbaugh
- Farmer/Conservationist**-----Jeff Powelson
- MNRC Steering**-----Shane Kampeter
- Membership**----- \*Vacant\*
- Nominating/Elections**-----Andrew White
- Professional Development**-----Jason Sykes and \*Vacant Co-chair\*
- Resolutions/Public Statements**-----Tom Kulowiec
- Runge Award**-----Chris Newbold
- Raffle/Auction**----- Eric Merritt and Nate Mechlin
- Operations Manual**-----Margie Mitchell
- Stephens Award**-----Anonymous
- Cons. Heritage Scholarship**-----Tom Kulowiec
- Technology** -----Tom Kulowiec (web) & Jennifer Mittlehauser (listserve)
- Historical Committee** --- Margie Mitchell

\*\*\*If you are interested in any of the vacant Committee positions,  
please let Tony Elliott know!

We are always looking for new member involvement!\*\*\*



# President's Corner

by Anthony Elliott

It looks like summer has fully arrived after the long, cool spring. I hope everyone has had a fulfilling first half of 2015 both personally and professionally. I especially hope that you were able to enjoy Missouri's outdoors whether having a close encounter with a longbeard, hooking a crappie, identifying spring migrant birds or spending time outdoors with friends and family. MOTWS has been busy this year as well.

As we heard at the annual business meeting, several bills were submitted in this year's legislative session that could have had major impacts on how conservation is managed in Missouri. MOTWS submitted letters to the legislative leadership outlining our concerns with several of these bills. I appreciate the efforts of all that contributed to those comments and to those of you that submitted personal comments. As wildlife professionals we always need to be prepared to explain the benefits to Missouri's citizens of the American model of wildlife management and the Missouri model of conservation.

Partially in response to the legislative efforts, the Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM) sponsored the inaugural Conservation Day at the Capital on April 2. As a CFM affiliate, MOTWS manned a booth at this event. The event was very successful with a wide variety of organizations from Ducks Unlimited to the Missouri Coalition for the Environment present to show their support for conservation in Missouri. In my opinion a major highlight of the event

was the number of students, especially members of MOTWS student chapters, that were present. Thank you to all members who were able to attend the event and contribute to its success. CFM plans to make this an annual event and the MOTWS Executive Board is considering ways to make our booth more interactive and informative for the legislators and general public. If you have any ideas on how to accomplish this, please contact any member of the Executive Board and consider volunteering to assist with the booth next year.

The MOTWS Student Workshop was held April 17 – 19 at Columbia Bottom Conservation Area. This year we co-hosted the event with the Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. The workshop was a great opportunity to cover many different aspects of wildlife and fisheries biologists' jobs and for students and professionals to interact. Thank you to all of the profes-

sionals who helped organize or presented information for the attendees. Read

more details about the workshop later in this newsletter.

Preliminary planning is underway for this year's Professional Development

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Tony Elliott installs a gate on Cliff Cave.

Workshop. We are considering focusing on trapping and having the workshop later in the year than usual in order to facilitate the field portion of the workshop. If you have any thoughts on the planning of the workshop contact any member of the Executive Board or Professional Development Chair – Jason Sykes and consider helping out on the committee.

Speaking of helping out, the Membership Committee Chair is vacant; I encourage everyone to consider serving in this capacity or other opportunities. I can attest that volunteering with MOTWS is highly fulfilling and enjoyable. We have even seen a big gain in likes on our [MOTWS Facebook page](#) thanks to recent activities. All of this can help us grow our chapter.

I am always open to suggestions on how MOTWS can more effectively represent Missouri's wildlife professionals. Feel free to contact me any time and have a great summer!



# Treasurer's Report

1/1/2015 – 6/10/2015  
**Scott Sudkamp, Treasurer**

<b>DEBITS</b>	
MNRC Expenses	-\$1,286.98
Supplies	-\$49.00
Workshop Expenses	-\$473.01
<b>TOTAL 2015 DEBITS</b>	<b>-\$1,808.99</b>

<b>CREDITS</b>	
Beginning Balance	\$4,355.62
Memberships	\$1,342.09
MNRC Income	\$1,786.83
Misc. Income	\$4.59
Workshop Income	\$60.00
<b>TOTAL 2015 CREDITS</b>	<b>\$3,193.51</b>

<b>TOTAL CREDITS INCLUDING BE- GINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$7,549.13</b>
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<b>BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>\$5,740.14</b>
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<b>2015 INCOME OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,384.52</b>
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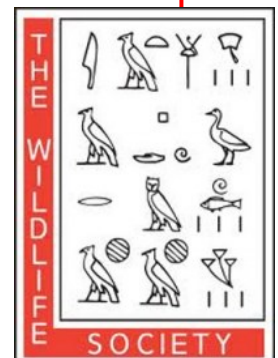
*Scott likes to chase birds when he isn't balancing the MOTWS Checkbook.*

## 2016 MNRC



***"Balancing Economics, Conservation and Adaptive Management  
in a Changing World"***

**February 3rd, 4th, & 5th, 2016 at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage  
Beach Missouri**



## 2015 Student Workshop

### MOTWS Past President - Ted Seiler

The Missouri Chapters of The Wildlife Society and American Fisheries Society joined forces this year to hold a joint spring student workshop on April 17 – 19 in St. Louis, MO. Students from Missouri State University in Springfield, University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, and Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau all made the trek to St. Louis for a weekend full of fun and education.

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On Friday evening, students arrived and set up camp. Tony Elliott (MDC) led the students on a herp sampling presentation, then had them dig in a drift fence array. We then showed a series of videos highlighting the propensity of lead ammunition to fall apart as it penetrates an animal, compared to copper bullets which leave no lead fragments in the meat. To cap off the evening, we went to the river and tried our hands at catching some of the abundant gamefish the mighty Missouri has to offer. I will take credit for how good the fishing was because I generally have success like that when I go fishing. You probably guessed it, we didn't even get a bite.

Saturday morning started bright and early with Veronica Mecko and friends



from the Missouri River Bird Observatory demonstrating mist netting, banding, and recording data from song birds. Since the activity involved getting up close with live animals, everyone seemed to think it was well worth crawling out of the tent early for. After a little breakfast, Bob Alexander and

Alec Sonnek from USDA, Wildlife Services gave a presentation about wildlife damage prevention and management and again students got to get up close and personal with the wildlife.

Ryan Diener and Mary Crowell, of Quail Forever, taught the students some quail management practices, complete with the students installing a shrub planting. Then Emily Flinn and Gus Raeker (MDC) presented about the current deer research project and forest management for wildlife. It was a packed morning and students got to learn about a lot of different wildlife

management techniques and everyone had worked up an appetite. We grabbed a quick lunch and headed out to the Missouri river for some fisheries experience.

Kyle Winders, Adam McDaniel, and Quinton Phelps (MDC) demonstrated electro-fishing, trotline sampling, trammel nets, and gill nets as sampling methods. There was a lot of good discussion about fish sampling and management and again the students got to get their hands dirty pulling fish into the boats.



After we got off the river, Andy Tappmeyer and Jeromy Boze (MDC) gave a tour of Columbia Bottom Conservation Area and talked about the management they do on the area. This conservation area is pretty unique in the amount of public use it receives because it is in urban St. Louis. The heavy public use presents different challenges than most areas in the state have to deal with. After a trip to the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers, we stopped to

check the herp traps we'd set on Friday. There were only a few herps in the traps but it was a good opportunity to show a trapping technique and how it works.

While a delicious fish fry was in the works (thanks to AFS!), we took the remaining daylight and let students try their hands at breaking clays. As always, people got a little competitive with their shooting skills, which made for some great jawing. While their



peers were trying out their shotgunning skills, their friends were doing a radio telemetry exercise.

As darkness settled in and the mosquitos threatened to carry us off, we went back to camp for dinner. Asian carp was on the menu and AFS guys did a fantastic job making it taste great! It was one of the few times during the day that the conversations about wildlife and fisheries management were at a minimum because everyone's mouths were full!

Unfortunately, an impending storm was bearing down on us so we cut the event short and people headed home. Only a few of the bravest souls camped that night and packed up in the rain the next morning. In spite of the weather knocking off a few events, it was a full weekend and a great learning opportunity for all those in attendance! Thank you to all who helped to make it a success!



## Summer Travel Grant Deadline is August 15!

### Get your requests in today!

The MOTWS Travel Grant is available to all paid MOTWS members for travel to conferences. The Grant was developed to assist members in travel costs to conferences and workshops. The travel grant funds can be used toward travel not only to Wildlife Society events (such as the National Conference), but also other professional workshops and conferences throughout



the country. In these days of tight budgets for all agencies, additional funds such as the MOTWS travel grant could be just what you need to convince your boss to let you make that trip! **There are two application periods for**

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**the Travel Grant. The 2015 Summer application deadline for travel grant funds will be August 15. The 2016 winter deadline will be February 15.** Since we did not have any applications this past spring, we will be awarding two \$500

travel grants this round! Go to the website at [www.wildlife.org/missouri-chapter/about/](http://www.wildlife.org/missouri-chapter/about/) for more details.

## Student Chapter Reports

### The Mizzou Student Chapter

The Mizzou Chapter of the Wildlife Society has had an engaging year thus far! Our students have heard from several different speakers including: Rachel Munds (a doctoral candidate) spoke on her work with lorises and tarsiers in Borneo; Andrew Alba spoke about his work with elephants at Disney; Jason Isabelle spoke about his management of grouse here in Missouri; and MDC's Kelly Straka came to talk about her still new position as the Department's veterinarian. We also had Conservation Agent Sean Ernst come out and talk about his experiences in his field. We just recently had Chris Newbold come talk about conserving habitats and some of the work that he has done. We felt this was a very diverse group of speakers that helps blanket the different tracks students can follow with their future professions.

Our officer team attended the Midwest Wildlife Society Conference in Indianapolis. We had a great time networking with professionals and learned a great deal from the seminars and workshops. We also sent several students to the Missouri Natural Resources Conference

in Osage Beach, Missouri. We did save room for social events; we had a wonderful time on the annual float trip down on the Niangua River earlier this fall. The members got to know each other and exchange experiences, making it an overall enriching experience for everyone.

We also helped MDC with their deer aging project on opening weekend of rifle season. Several students volunteered their weekend to get hands on experience, which has encouraged our vice president, Molly Jo, to take the skill building further this spring. Molly Jo has been keeping in close contact with Jason Isabelle to find out about local volunteering opportunities for the club and setting up workshops for the students in the spring. The workshops included electrofishing, mist netting, bird banding, trapping, telemetry and resume building/interview preparation. We had several students attend and all had a great time of learning and networking. As students we find it hard to gain hands on experience with the techniques that we read and write about at a large research university.

We were also able to organize a honey-

suckle workday were we had several students and MDC personnel come out and cut honeysuckle off of a retired MDC employee's property. This was a great day for all students to network and learn about invasive species.

This year has been busy, but we are looking forward to our officer team putting together another great year!



## Student Chapter Reports cont.

### Missouri Western State University Student Chapter

This has been a fantastic year for our TWS Chapter at Missouri Western State University. It was capped off with our reception of the 2014 North Central Section Student Chapter of the Year Award. Our members were able to develop greatly as young professional through applied learning this year. We were able to continue to do great things with several different agencies and organization. We continued to expand our partnerships with

both Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge and Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge. We participated in several work days, outreach and education events, and population monitoring surveys at both refuges. We also were able to continue our partnership with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and have well over half of our members certified through the BIA with their S-130/190, Wildland Fire Behavior and Ecology Training. We were able to work with Capture International, Inc. to have several

members certified to safely immobilize wildlife through the Chemical Immobilization of Animals: Free-Ranging & Captive Wildlife workshop. Our work with the Missouri Department of Conservation was another great partnership which we were able to keep going and expand on this year. All of these relationships have allowed our members to grow and expand as developing pro-

fessionals.

There were numerous events and activities that we were able to be active in, and here are some of the highlights. We were able to assist Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge and Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge with a vast array of community outreach activities like 1st Friday program and Family Day, deer population surveys, man-



aged handicap deer hunts, wood duck box monitoring and management, and much habitat restoration and management. We were able to assist MDC with the Share the Harvest Program and the regional Second Harvest Food Bank, by collecting approximately 1140 pounds of venison, thereby enabling the distribution of over 2600 meals to the



needed in the region. This year our Chapter hosted Antler Measuring and Deer Aging/Tooth Collection Workshops, and helped staff the annual Antler Measuring Day with the MDC. We also staffed four counties for aging deer and collecting teeth and lymph nodes (for CWD monitoring). We also worked with MDC to do several outreach and education events such as

Herp-O-Rama, Insect-O-Rama, and Eagle Days. Several of our members were able to work with MDC's Outreach and Education Division this year as interns. We were also able to aid MDC by providing instructors for the Hunter Education course. We had members present poster on research and internships at several different presentations including Missouri Natural Resource Conference. The list of activities and student development that our members were able to participate in this year is much longer, but this tip of the iceberg shows some

of the many activities we were able to be involved in this school year.

Now that the school year is over, our members disperse to the far corners of the earth for internships, research projects, and summer jobs. Some of these summer positions include raccoon densities and blood chemistry research, turtle population ecology, nesting bird population management, predator control management, Youth Conservation Corps leaders, and biology intern at

Squaw Creek NWR, wildlife outreach and education, and many more. Some members are doing internships as far away as the Aleutian Islands and Montana, as well as in the Midwest and Missouri.

## Student Chapter Reports cont.

### University of Central Missouri's Student Chapter

Spring 2015

The spring semester is always the busiest for our chapter at the University of Central Missouri. We starting the semester off in February with students attending the Missouri Natural Resource Conference at Tan-Tar-A resort. Many chapter members attended the job fair that started off the conference and received summer positions because of it. In March our chapter participated in "College For a Day." Members taught middle and high school students about different animals including, birds, reptiles, amphibians, insects, mammals and trapping methods for those animals. "College For a Day" is a great way to reach out to younger students and emphasize the importance of conservation and to educate them on wildlife that they see in Missouri.

April is our busiest month in the spring semester. Members attended the Missouri Wildlife Society/American Fisheries Society student workshop. They were taught sampling techniques for aquatic and terrestrial animals. All came back with new skills and connections with other university students and professionals in wildlife and fisheries. Shortly after that our chapter put on our 12<sup>th</sup> annual Bioblitz. At this event we have professionals from all different areas come together at Pertle Springs to teach the public about wildlife and conservation. This year we had members and professors discussing how streams work, looking at pond water through a dissection microscope, trapping mammals, trapping aquatic turtles, giving seismograph demonstrations, mist netting for birds, and so much more. We provided a lunch and the Missouri Department of Conservation demonstrated how to fillet an Asian

Carp and then fried it up for everyone! Overall it was an extremely successful day and we had a great turn out of adults and children.

We ended the semester at our annual biology banquet with many of our chapter members receiving scholarships and awards from the department. The spring semester was overall successful and enjoyable and I look forward to this upcoming fall.

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Chapter Reporter

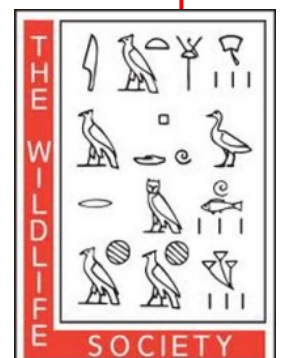


## Please Don't Forget to Pay Your Dues!

State Chapter dues (\$15.00 for regular member and \$8.00 for students) are important to maintain our funds towards projects, the website, scholarships, workshops, and travel reimbursements. Please remember to pay your dues by mailing your payment to:

**Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society**  
PO Box 743  
Columbia, MO 65205 – 0743

Or you can pay annually at MNRC, or when you renew your parent Society membership.



## North Central Section Update

### North Central Section Representative to TWS Council - David E. Andersen

*Report to the North Central Section, March 2015*

The Wildlife Society (TWS) Council met in conjunction with the 2015 North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference in Omaha, Nebraska in early March 2015, and there are several updates of Council activities to pass along to North Central Section, state chapter, and student chapter members. First, as many of you know, TWS has been working to improve our financial footing and recover from several years of deficit spending. In addition, TWS transitioned to a fiscal year that runs from July through June, and the fiscal year starting in July 2015 will be the first under our new calendar. I'm quite happy to be able to report good financial news—TWS experienced a slight surplus during the last fiscal year, and the budget approved for the 2015-2016 fiscal year projects a larger surplus. Of course, these are based on projections for both revenues and expenses, and where TWS finances are at the end of the 2015-2016 fiscal year can't be predicted with certainty. But, the trend is certainly in the right direction and efforts of TWS staff, Council, Sections, and state and student chapters have all contributed to TWS turning around a rather dire financial situation. TWS still has a way to go to reach the financial position we all desire, but the organization is back on the right track. TWS Executive Committee members (Past-President Jon Hauffer, President Rick Baydack, President-Elect Gary Potts, and Vice President Bruce Thompson) have worked diligently with TWS staff to track budgets, align spending with strategic goals, and otherwise work to get TWS back in the black.

Some other positive developments include working to continue the strong leadership of TWS journals, continuing roll-out of a new TWS website ([Wildlife.org](http://wildlife.org)), reformatting and new

delivery of wildlife policy news, revision and streamlining of TWS position statements, and continued development of the Conservation Affairs Network:

*TWS publications:*--The Editors-in-Chief of both the *Journal of Wildlife Management* (Evie Merrill) and the *Wildlife Society Bulletin* (Chris Ribic) indicated their intent to step down at the end of their current terms (Evie in June 2015 and Chris in December 2015). Both Evie and Chris contributed mightily to continuing the high quality of TWS publications and deserve much credit for taking on and performing these critical services to our Society. I encourage TWS members to express their appreciation to both Evie and Chris, as appropriate, as I know that these are often thankless jobs and that sometimes a small expression of appreciation makes a lot of difference. TWS is also working diligently to identify the next Editors-in-Chief for both these journals, and several highly qualified individuals have stepped forward—hopefully, more on selection of new Editors-in-Chief will be forthcoming this spring and summer.

*TWS website:*--TWS rolled out a new website in conjunction with the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference in Pittsburgh in October 2014. As with all websites, it is a work

in progress and the website has been upgraded and material is continually being migrated to the new site. I encourage you to view the new website (<http://wildlife.org/>) and look for ways to keep improving it.

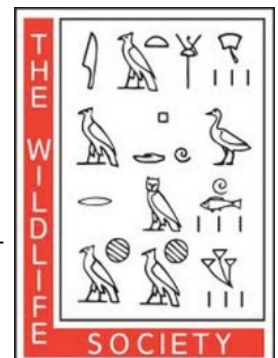
*TWS policy news and position statements:*--Over the last year, a subcommittee of TWS Council worked on revising TWS position statements. Some existing position statements had expired or were near expiry, and several others were no longer relevant or had been supplanted by more recent statements. The subcommittee recommended revising how position statements are currently structured into (1) standing position statements that broadly address topics

core to TWS, (2) position statements that address specific, important areas of interest, and (3) fact sheets that provide summaries of science related to specific topics. At the March 2015 Council meeting, this subcommittee presented this outline to Council and will work to implement this reorganization over the next several months. Council authorized this review and revision to make TWS positions more clear and useable, and once this revision is completed, TWS positions should be more useable, especially for Sections and Chapters.

*TWS Conservation Affairs Network:*--The Conservation Affairs Network was developed by TWS Council and staff over the last several years and rolled out beginning in 2014. The idea of the Conservation Affairs Network is to allow more efficient engagement in issues important to TWS membership across all levels of the organization (parent society, Sections, state and student Chapters) and the profession. Sections and Chapters are in various stages of engagement in the Conservation Affairs Network, and I'm happy to report that the North Central Section has engaged the Conservation Affairs Network and is working toward implementation at the Section and state Chapter levels. In addition, the Conservation Affairs Network is a key component of the TWS Strategic Plan, in that it is a mechanism to more closely integrate and engage all levels of the Society. If you are not familiar with the Conservation Affairs Network, please take a few minutes and find out more on the TWS website.

Although there was mostly good news to report from the recent TWS Council meeting, not everything is positive. TWS has a distressing downward trend in membership, and although this downward trend has slowed during the past year, TWS needs to engage wildlife professionals and make them want to be members.

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## North Central Section Update continued...

TWS staff are focused on engaging current, lapsed, and potential new members and increasing membership is a high priority. Part of the issue is making clear what the value of TWS membership is to former and potential new members—something that current members can help accomplish. To that end, note that TWS member benefits (e.g., *The Wildlife Professional*, the *eWildlifer*, action alerts, etc.) have increased, are more accessible than ever, and provide communication across all levels of TWS.

Finally, a reminder that the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference will be in Winnipeg, Manitoba (make sure your passport is up to date!) 17 – 21 October 2015. There are some exciting opportunities being offered in association with the conference,

including the opportunity to participate in field trips to Churchill to see charismatic megafauna/dangerous wildlife up close and personal. The 2016 Annual Conference will be in Raleigh, North Carolina and the 2017 conference will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico. TWS is also a co-sponsor (jointly with the Mammal Society of Japan) of the 2015 International Wildlife Management

Conference in Sapporo, Japan in July 2015, which promises to be an exciting meeting and opportunity to engage international colleagues.

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TWS WEBSITE at  
<http://www.wildlife.org/>

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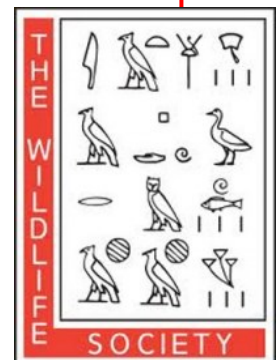
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## Annual Conference in Winnipeg

Unite with old and new colleagues and friends this October 17-21 to explore Winnipeg, Manitoba and to attend insightful educational presentations, interactive and collaborative meetings and workshops, major networking events, unique field trips, and much more! Stay in downtown Winnipeg, “the cultural cradle of Canada,” for convenient, on-foot accessibility to the RBC Convention Centre, as well as city museums, historical sites, professional sporting arenas, and urban wildlife activities. To enhance your networking opportunities and save you money, we’ve arranged for a block of hotel rooms at **two of the city’s top hotels**. But rooms are limited, so book early.

If you’re interested in participating in one of our many **workshops**, you’ll get started on Saturday, October 16, diving right into the topic of your choice. Otherwise, pick up your registration badge first thing Sunday morning and join us for the 2015 TWS Annual Conference kickoff with our **first plenary session, *Why Do Wildlife Matter?*** Immediately following this invigorating session, continue the plenary topic discussion over lunch and get the wheels turning, or perhaps attend one of the **Brown Bag Film Festivals** offered during the conference, for a lunch-and-learn video session. Either way, transmit this already mentally stimulating morning into the afternoon lineup of **symposia, panel discussions, and contributed papers presentations** covering a broad range of topics, including renewable energy, wetlands, avian influenzas and much more.

If you’re one of our many talented professional or amateur wildlife photographers, don’t forget to bring your top photos and **register for the photo contest**. All attendees can vote for their favorite photo beginning Monday morning.

This year, your “Complete Access” registration badge will give you entry to all three of our major networking events with no tickets

required. So save some energy for Sunday evening’s **A Night at the Museum Networking Event** at the Manitoba Museum for an opportunity to network like never before. Take a stroll through the largest heritage museum in Winnipeg while connecting with student and professional wildlifers, stopping at several beverage and food stations along the way. En route you’ll encounter and board a full-size replica of the Nonsuch, the ship that sailed into Hudson Bay in 1668 in search of furs and is credited with establishing the foundation for commerce in Western Canada. Engage with colleagues through the Boreal Forest, Grasslands and Arctic/Sub-Arctic exhibit areas, while learning about the people and wildlife of Manitoba. And take in the sights and sounds of downtown Winnipeg as it stood in 1920.

The next three days of the conference offer a variety of options and opportunities for you to pick and choose from, tailoring your conference experience to meet your objectives and satisfaction. **Symposia, panel discussions and contributed papers presentations** will continue to run morning and afternoon, covering a broad range of topics including conservation dilemmas, wildlife disease, aquatic animals, managed forests and more, with the exception of Tuesday morning, which is reserved for our **second plenary session on *The Boreal Forest***.

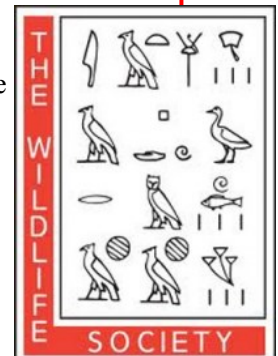
The **TWS Members Activity Center** will open Monday morning through Wednesday afternoon as the central hub of activity for members to engage with exhibitors, enjoy a refreshment break, view poster sessions, and meet with other attendees or catch up on emails at one of our networking tables. Students are encouraged to bring their resumes to the **Resume Review Table** in the TWS Members Activity Center to receive in-person feedback on their resume from a wildlife professional. **Field trip** busses will be shuttling people to and from FortWhyte Alive, Oak Hammock Marsh and the International Polar

Bear Research and Conservation Centre morning and afternoon for an on-site interactive experience with bison, birds, polar bears and more. (Make sure you register for one or more of these trips ahead of time, as space is limited and sign-up is unavailable during the conference.)

Events you won’t want to miss include Monday evening’s annual **Student-Professional Networking Event**, Tuesday evening’s competitive **Quiz Bowl**, and Wednesday evening’s **Manitoba Social Networking Event** with traditional, local light food and snacks, drinks, music, dancing, and a fundraising raffle with unique prizes! It’s the perfect way to wind down after four days of absorbing new information and expanding your professional contacts.

This may already sound like a fulfilling week, but there’s more! The Manitoba Chapter of The Wildlife Society has worked with Manitoba Conservation and the Churchill Northern Studies Centre to organize the experience of a lifetime that cannot be duplicated anywhere else. Conference attendees can take advantage of a discounted, **multi-day trip to Churchill, Manitoba**, offered before and after the conference, with the unique opportunity to tour the northern tundra and observe wild polar bears up close! By adding just a few days to your conference experience, you’ll save thousands by making the trek to Churchill through this organized trip while already in Manitoba. So start making your plans today for this unique and memorable experience at our **Annual Conference**. **Registration is open**, hotel rooms are booking fast, and airfare options will be more plentiful if you get started now.

We will be counting down the days until we see you in Winnipeg!



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## 2015 Professional Development Workshop ...Coming Fall 2015...

The Professional Development Workshop this year will be on “Fur Trapping; Why and How.” This seemed to be the most popular topic presented to members. The workshop will take place in the fall instead of the summer like past workshops have. Details about the workshop, date, and location will be set soon. Look for an announcement to come out via the MOTWS list serve and on the chapter Facebook page and website.



## Application Information

Missouri Chapter of  
The Wildlife Society

The Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society cordially invites you to join us! If you haven't already done so, take a look at [what we are all about](#). You do **not** have to be a member of our parent society, [The Wildlife Society](#) to join our State Chapter. However, if you would like more information about our parent society, visit their site at [www.wildlife.org/](http://www.wildlife.org/).

Annual Dues are just \$15.00 for regular members and \$8.00 for students.

As a member you will receive:

- The opportunity to interact with other wildlife professionals in Missouri.
- The opportunity to serve on committees and working groups which actively influence wildlife conservation and management in Missouri.
- **The opportunity to attend professional development workshops and symposia.**
- A semi-annual newsletter

**To Join: Down-load a [membership](#)**

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If you just would like more information, you can look us up at <http://wildlife.org/missouri-chapter/>.

**We Hope Hear From You!!**