

The Lee & Lois Herndon Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society invites you to the Fall State Meeting, which will be held on September 27 through September 29 in Johnson City, TN.

The meeting will begin on Friday evening at 5:30 PM (eastern daylight time) with a bird walk and social at Sycamore Shoals State Park. This bird walk will be conducted on the walking trails that run along the Watauga River. Following the walk, a social will be held from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM at the auditorium in the Sycamore Shoals Visitor's Center. This social will provide an opportunity to mingle with fellow birders, register for field trips, and bid on items in a silent auction, a portion of whose proceeds will benefit the TOS Conservation and Research Grant Fund. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be provided at the social. A registration table will also be available Saturday morning at the hotel for anyone who is unable to attend the social Friday night.

The field trips scheduled for Saturday and Sunday mornings will focus on fall migration in the southern Appalachians, including field trips to Roan Mountain, Unaka Mountain, and Hampton Creek Cove. Field trips to the Big Bald Banding station are also planned. In addition to breathtaking views from Big Bald, this trip will offer a unique opportunity to see fall warblers up close in the hand. A hawk watch station and raptor banding station are also run at this site. This trip is weather dependent and space is limited.

Paper sessions and a Board of Directors meeting will be held Saturday afternoon. Saturday evening will conclude with a banquet and presentation by Dr. David Buehler, a professor of Wildlife Science at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Dr. Buehler is known for his research in the area of avian population dynamics and conservation. His program for the evening is "The Full Life Cycle Conservation of the Golden-winged Warbler."

Saturday afternoon and evening events will be held at Kaycliff Center on Boone Lake. This is a truly unique venue in Northeast Tennessee. Not only does this site have picturesque views of Boone Lake, it also offers walking trails and a museum with a fascinating collection of taxidermy specimens and artifacts collected from Africa and Papua New Guinea.

A block of 20 hotel rooms is being held at the Sleep Inn in Johnson City, TN, until September 9, when any unbooked rooms return to general circulation. A special rate of \$79.00 (plus taxes and fees) applies to this block of rooms until September 9. Use the following link (<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/QQ55B7>) or call (423) 915-0081 to make reservations. Please specify the group block "TN Ornithological Society" when making reservations. A registration form for the meeting is attached below. The deadline for banquet reservations is September 14.

TOS Fall Meeting 2019 Registration Form

Name(s) _____ TOS Chapter _____

Address _____

Cell Phone _____ email _____

Meeting registrations are \$20.00 per person. \$ _____ for _____ people

Banquet reservations are \$20.00 per person. \$ _____ for _____ people

Total amount enclosed payable to Herndon TOS \$ _____

Banquet reservation deadline is September 14

Mail registration form and check to: Herndon TOS, PO Box 183, Elizabethton, TN 37644-0183

For questions contact ElizabethtonBirdClub@gmail.com