

## **BURGUNDY CENTER FOR WILDLIFE STUDIES**

### **Administrative Address:**

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Dear Attendee,

Thank you for your registration for the Burgundy Center for Wildlife Studies. Your check must arrive at the administrative address no later than July 16.

The dates of the weekend are July 30 – August 1. You are welcome to arrive as early as 4:00 p.m. on July 30th. There are no formal activities before dinner, but we offer you this early arrival option so that you have a chance to beat rush hour traffic. Those planning to put up a tent may benefit by arriving before the 8:30 sunset, but we are happy to help out with lighting, and there is no pressure to arrive by any specific time. We'll do some orientation and then serve dinner at 7:00 p.m. Coffee, tea and snacks will be available until then and a buffet will be set out afterwards to accommodate later arrivals. The last meal will be lunch on Sunday, and we request that you depart that day by 4:00 p.m.

Smoking is not permitted in or near the main buildings. Cell phones must be used out of the experience of others. We will be serving wine with dinner, but any other alcoholic beverages are BYOB: no hard liquor please. We will have some ice and refrigerated space available. Our general rules are much like other wildlife sanctuaries/institutions and are posted in the main lodge.

We are planning hikes and classes to suit a range of knowledge and physical exertion levels. Scheduled activities will begin Friday evening and continue through Sunday afternoon, including chances for swim with lifeguard on duty, and siesta. You will be able to sign up for activities when you arrive and throughout the weekend, and should feel free to attend none at all. We only ask that if you are setting off on a hike, you let us know your intended route and time of return. If there is something you are particularly hoping to do, it helps to let us know that in advance. We do make adjustments on demand when possible.

The dormitories are screened porches with bunks, and are usually coed on this weekend unless someone requests otherwise. The loos provide privacy for changing clothes. Mattresses can easily be moved to suit your needs, and you are welcome to bring a tent if you prefer. Staff are available to facilitate sleep-outs on the Bald if there are those who are interested. The main building includes modern plumbing including showers, and all buildings have electricity.

For directions to the Center, please contact me at the summer address and I will send email back immediately.

Please fill out the enclosed health history and emergency release form. You are welcome to mail it in advance or bring it with you. Please notify us in advance (email at bcws2@earthlink.net is fine) regarding any medical conditions, dietary constraints or other needs of which we should be aware.

We have first aid facilities, and all staff are certified in first aid and CPR, but any serious problems are handled by the staff at the Winchester Medical Center. We rarely need to use it, but you should note that as with most camps, our insurance is excess insurance: it only pays what your family insurance policy does not first cover. One item of note: we have begun to find deer ticks here. If you are not familiar with these pests, we will help you learn how to deal with them.

We welcome your suggestions and requests, will adjust wherever we can, and look forward to sharing Cooper's Cove with you.

Sincerely,

Vini Schoene  
Director, BCWS

### **SUGGESTED PACKING LIST**

Bedding and/or sleeping bag and pillow\*  
Mattress pad (mattresses are plastic-covered)  
Towel  
Toiletries  
Nightclothes  
3 pr. socks  
3 set underwear  
Tee shirts, tank tops  
1 sweatshirt  
1 pair long pants  
1 pair shorts  
Bathing suit  
Raingear  
Walking shoes  
Mud shoes (we have a few loaners)  
Reading material  
Writing material  
Water bottle  
Binoculars  
Daypack

Camera  
Fishing gear  
Flashlight  
Insect repellent + sunscreen  
Earplugs

Note that it may be steaming hot in DC, but it does get cool here in the night,  
and a bit buggy at times.

DO NOT BRING  
Hunting knives or firearms  
Animals (except by special arrangement with director)

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Motorized vehicles may be used past the parking lot only with permission of the Director.  
Personal sports equipment should be kept in your own vehicle,  
and used only in designated areas.

Use or possession of illegal drugs will result in immediate dismissal and forfeiture of tuition.

Please exercise caution in determining what valuable/irreplaceable items should come to BCWS,  
as we cannot be responsible for lost items.

\*If you are coming from a long distance / bringing these is a hardship,  
we can loan you a few of these items.