

LAPB FALL SYMPOSIUM DATES SET: Dates for the 2011 Fall Symposium have been set for August 11 and 12. Once again we will be meeting at the NOAA Estuarine Habitats and Coastal Fisheries center in Lafayette, LA. Oral presentations on recent natural resources research relevant to Louisiana will be given by university students from across the state on Thursday morning and continue through Thursday afternoon. These presentations will be 15 or 20 minutes in length, depending on the number of abstracts received. The LAPB Fall Business Meeting will be held at the conclusion of the day's speakers.

Thursday night is the organization's Social and Dinner that is highlighted by the presentation of student and publication awards.

Friday morning begins with poster presentations from university students and professional biologists. Many members of LAPB are engaged in research and professional development. We encourage you to participate with a poster presentation on Friday morning. All posters should be no larger than 42" x 42". Boards for mounting will be provided. We would like for all posters to be displayed on Thursday with the dedicated poster session and judging to take place on Friday morning.

A special **Focus Session** will follow the poster session on Friday morning. The special session will focus on **Restoration Ecology in Louisiana** and should be of interest to all attendees as it covers both terrestrial and aquatic habitats and recent advances within the field of natural resource conservation and management.

Registration is at the door and costs \$25.00 for regular annual membership (\$10.00 for student annual membership), \$10.00 for the Symposium, plus an additional fee for the social and supper. Mark the dates of August 11 and 12 on your calendar and make plans to join us in Lafayette for two days of professional development. A tentative symposium schedule is listed below. For more information please contact Aaron Pierce, LAPB President-Elect at (985)493-2628 or aaron.pierce@nicholls.edu.

Thursday, August 11th

8:00 AM Registration begins
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM Student Oral Presentations (Sessions 1 & 2)
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM Lunch on your own
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Student Oral Presentations (Sessions 3 & 4)
3:15 PM – 4:00 PM LAPB Fall Business Meeting
4:30 PM – 7:30 PM Evening Social, Student Oral Presentation and Publication Awards and Supper

Friday, August 12th

8:00 AM – 9:45 AM Poster Session, Students and Professionals
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Professional Focus Session
12:00 PM – 12:15 PM Presentation of Poster Award – Closing Comments