

2009-Tenth Annual  
Howell Woods Environmental Learning Center  
& The Institute for Bird Populations  
Beginner & Advance Bird Banding Class

Thank you for your interest in the Beginner (or) Advance Bird Banding Class instructed by the Institute for Bird Populations in Point Reyes, CA and hosted/co-instructed by Johnston Community College's Howell Woods Environmental Learning Center (Howell Woods). Howell Woods is located in southeast Johnston County, east of Interstate I-95, in Eastern North Carolina. This year the beginner class will be held from May 2<sup>nd</sup> - May 9<sup>th</sup> and the advance class May 10<sup>th</sup> - May 14<sup>th</sup>. Minimum class size will be five students and the maximum will be six! The fee for the beginner class will be \$1100.00 and the advance class will be \$850.00 and will include all class materials, and instructors' fees. What is not included is lodging (see information in Facilities & Lodging Options) and transportation to and from the site and food.

### **FACILITIES & LODGING OPTIONS**

Classroom activities will be held in the Learning Center building. On-site lodging will be provided in our environmentally -friendly cabins. Each cabin has two bunk rooms with private shower and toilet facilities, and a shared kitchen. Each bunk room will comfortably sleep four adults (1 full size mattress and 3 twin mattresses). We encourage guests to provide their own sleeping bag or linens but we can provide linens and pillows if needed (\$5 one time fee). The kitchen has all needed cooking and eating appliances and wares along with organic shade grown coffee, and other organic spices and condiments. All you will need to purchase is the food you want to prepare. Each cabin also has a washer and dryer with detergent. Lodging fees are \$10/night for quad occupancy or \$15/night for double occupancy (single occupancy is \$40/night, subject to availability). Males and females will be housed separately except for married couples. Students interested in staying offsite will need to make their own arrangements. The nearest recommended national chain hotels are 20+ minutes away in Smithfield.

### **WHAT TO EXPECT**

The beginner class begins at 4:00pm Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and ends at noon on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. The advance class begins at 4:00pm Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and ends at noon on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Class starts before sunrise every morning and is spent in the field for 5-6 hours. There is a 30-60 minute lunch break and then 4-6 hours of classroom instruction (usually with after class "homework"). Visit the The Institute for Bird Populations website, [www.birdpop.org](http://www.birdpop.org) for more details on course material. The weather in Eastern North Carolina in early/mid May can be unpredictable, but expect mild weather (lows in the 50-60's and highs in the 60-80's) with showers or thunderstorms possible daily. Insects are usually not bad yet, but expect ticks, red bugs "aka chiggers", mosquitoes and deer flies. Snakes and spiders are also common occurrences (only two venomous snakes in the area). Banding operations will occur at three different locations; bottomland hardwood forest, upland mixed pine/hardwood & scrub/shrub field and pine/oak scrub forest. Rubber knee boots are usually required as well as appropriate field attire. There will be a lot of new information and experiences thrown at each student, but if you are up for a wonderful challenge and experience then this is the class to take. If you want to know what bird species are in the area and what is expected to be caught in the nets visit our website at [www.howellwood.org](http://www.howellwood.org). To view the bird list go to About Howell Woods---Wildlife Management---Birds. Late April-early May is the peak of spring migration in Eastern North Carolina.

### **REGISTERING FOR THE CLASS**

To register for the class please complete and mail a copy of the Registration Form with deposit/payment to Howell Woods ELC, 6601 Devil's Racetrack Road, Four Oaks, NC 27524. Make checks or money orders payable to Howell Woods. A 50% deposit is required to reserve a seat in the class. **Full payment** is due at or before the beginning of the class! Deposit is 100% refundable if you cancel 30 prior to the start date of the class. Deposit is non-refundable if you cancel for any reason after 30 days prior to the start of the class. **Additional information contact James Sasser at 919-938-0115 ext 221.**

# REGISTRATION FORM

MAPS Beginner/Advance Bird Banding Class

Institute for Bird Populations/Johnston Community College's Howell Woods Environmental Learning Center

*Beginner Class:* \_\_\_\_\_ \$1100\* (May 2- May 9, 2009)    *Advance Class:* \_\_\_\_\_ \$850\* (May 10-May 14, 2009)

NAME/JOB TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EVENING PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the reasons you are taking the bird banding class and what you hope to gain by taking the class: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have any previous bird banding or mist netting experience? If yes, please list and describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have any special needs or conditions that the instructor or staff needs to be aware of? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Lodging and Payment Options:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Quad Occupancy-\$10 night for \_\_\_\_\_ nights

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Double Occupancy-\$15 night for \_\_\_\_\_ nights

Guest name \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Single Occupancy- \$40 night for \_\_\_\_\_ nights (subject to availability)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Camping- \$5 tent/night for \_\_\_\_\_ nights

\_\_\_\_\_ Offsite lodging

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Class Fee

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Due**                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Deposit)    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Full Payment)

\_\_\_\_\_ Check/Money Order Enclosed: (Payable to Howell Woods)

\_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card (VISA and Master Card Only)

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_

*Staff Use Only*

Date Received:

Date Contacted:

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