



The **Biology Department** at
SWEET BRIAR
COLLEGE

and the

VA Master Naturalist Program's
Central Virginia Chapter

Cordially invite you to attend the SECOND...

“Advanced Training Rally”

Featuring a plethora of professional instructors offering a wide variety of natural history subjects and skills through weekend workshops on the 3,250-acre campus of Sweet Briar College and local forays

May 8 - 10, 2009

(App. 6:00 p.m. Friday to 2:00 p.m. Sunday)

AT workshop sessions, night activities, field exploratories, Sunday forays, plus lots of take-home resources!

Registration details are available at <http://nature.sbc.edu/>
(Meals are provided & lodging is available)

➔ Registration deadline: April 30, 2009 ←

Mail your registration & payment to:

CVMN Rally
P. O. Box 6
Lynchburg, VA 24505

2009 VMN RALLY REGISTRATION FORM

Please choose from one of four registration options:

- [] **A) Full Event** (Friday evening - Sun afternoon) **\$95.00**
Includes: Saturday continental breakfast, lunch & dinner;
Sunday box lunch and all weekend activities
- [] **B) Saturday and Sunday** (08:00 Saturday – Sunday afternoon) **\$85.00**
Includes: Saturday continental breakfast, lunch & dinner;
Sunday box lunch and all activities on Saturday & Sunday
- [] **C) All-day Saturday** (08:00-22:00) **\$75.00**
Includes: Saturday continental breakfast, lunch & dinner
and all activities through Saturday evening
- [] **D) Workshops Only** (08:00-18:00 on Saturday) **\$50.00**
Includes: Saturday continental breakfast, lunch
and all activities before dinner on Saturday

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

VMN Chapter Affiliation: _____

Please make checks payable to “Sweet Briar College”

Mail your check & registration form to:

**CVMN Rally
P.O. Box 6
Lynchburg, VA 24505**

Amount enclosed: _____

Registration deadline is April 30th

→PLEASE COPY THIS PAGE to your Chapter’s “Rally Rep” for planning purposes←

Thanks!

REGISTRATION DETAILS:

Lodging

Arrangements must be made by individual participants.

Sweet Briar College's Florence Elston Inn has 38 rooms reserved for the nights of May 8th and 9th on a first-come, first-served basis. See: <http://www.elstoninn.com/> or phone **866-388-6207** for details. Guests should refer to Reservation #131223 when making reservations at the Inn. The conference rate for rooms is \$80 per night. All rooms are double occupancy and could be shared with a roommate to defray lodging costs (please make your own arrangements for such).

Area hotels and camping options are also available; for area accommodations you can also see: <http://www.virginia.org/site/content.asp?SrchLocality=Amherst&MGrp=4&MCat=19>

For driving directions to Sweet Briar College see:

http://www.about.sbc.edu/driving_directions.html?travel

Registration deadline is April 30th

All registrations with payments should be received via "snail" mail by April 30.

Please copy your registration form (electronically) to your Chapter's "Rally Rep" to aid in the planning process and to organize carpooling opportunities.

Sorry, no credit card payments can be accepted for general registration; check or money order are accepted (the Elston Inn does accept credit for lodging, of course).

Please make your check in the amount you selected above payable to "Sweet Briar College" and mail it with a copy of your registration form to:

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Thanks!

Refund Policy:

Only meal costs will be refunded for cancellations received no later than c.o.b. on May 1st. Sorry, but no other refunds will be available after that date.

Upon registration, a complete list of workshop descriptions and instructor biographies will be forwarded for you to make your class choices from. *Registration form & fee must be received before class selections can be confirmed.* Classes will be assigned first-come/first-served.

Information on classes will be available via e-mail starting April 20th

VA Master Naturalist “AT Rally”

Weekend Schedule

Friday, May 8, 2009:

6:00	Check-in opens	(Conference Room A/B lobby)
8:00	Nocturnal Activities	1.5 hours (stations at various locations)

Saturday, May 9, 2009:

8:00	Check-in continues	Continental Breakfast available
8:45	Welcome & Orientation	(Conference Room A/B)
9:00	Workshops (Block A)*	1.5 hours
10:30	Break	
11:00	Workshops (Block B)	1.5 hours
12:30	Lunch	(Conference Room A/B)
1:30	Workshops (Block C)	1.5 hours
3:00	Break	
3:30	Workshops (Block D)	1.5 hours
5:00	FREE TIME	
6:00	Dinner	(Conference Room A/B)
7:00	Keynote Presentation	1.0 hour (Conference Room A/B)
8:30	Nocturnal Activities	1.5 hours (stations at various locations)
10:00	Conclude for the day	

*Most workshop topics will span 3 hours in 2 parts with a break in the middle during the AM & PM sessions. Some instructors may take snacks & drinks w/them and remain in the field for 3.5 hours in outlying areas (nearest restroom facilities will be identified). Please plan accordingly.

Sunday, May 10, 2009:

8:00	Continental breakfast and assemble for forays (A/B)
8:30	Caravans depart for Blue Ridge forays from Le Bistro parking area (Box lunches and drinks provided)
1:30	Caravans return from forays
2:00	Weekend concludes

Sunday Forays to the Blue Ridge Mountains (tentative offerings):

- Spring Wildflowers at Wiggins Spring (Dr. Janet Steven)
- Cold Mountain “Balds” Hike (themed) (Michelle Prysby)
- Vernal Pool Wetlands at Piney River (Mike Hayslett)
- Appalachian Trail Predator Survey Walk (John Powers)
- Pedlar Reservoir / Panther Falls Hike (TBA)
- Crawdads & Mussels in the Piney River (Brian Watson)

Rally Highlight:



Keynote Presentation by Dr. Richard L. Hoffman

Venerated naturalist and research biologist, Dr. Hoffman is Curator of Recent Invertebrates and past director of research and collections at the Virginia Museum of Natural History in Martinsville, a Research Associate of the American Museum of Natural History and an internationally-recognized expert on millipedes. His lifetime contribution to Virginia's natural history was celebrated last year on the occasion of his 80th birthday. See: <http://www.vmnh.net/news.cfm?ID=56>

Dr. Hoffman will deliver a keynote address on the natural history of Virginia after dinner on Saturday evening.

He may also be leading an afternoon invertebrate walk.

For a little biographical info on Dr. Hoffman see: <http://www.vmnh.net/index.cfm/topic/recent-invertebrates>

