

CONSERVATION MEDICINE AND DISEASES OF AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES

WHERE AND WHEN:

Southwestern Research Station (SWRS) in
Portal, Arizona

29 July to 4 August 2018

COURSE ORGANIZER AND MAJOR INSTRUCTOR: Elliott Jacobson and John Roberts

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTORS:

Richard Funk, Leigh Clayton, Walt Merker, and Barney Tomberlin (others to be announced)

PARTICIPANTS:

The course is designed for undergraduates and graduate students in Conservation Ecology, Wildlife, Biological Sciences, and Veterinary Medicine who expect to study, breed, and manage populations of amphibians and/or reptiles in the field and in captivity. “What does conservation medicine mean” and “How can it functionally be used to manage populations of amphibians and reptiles” will be explored. Concepts of infectious diseases, anesthesia, the use of pain medications, sampling techniques, surgical techniques, and handling of venomous species will be covered. The course will include teleconferenced lectures and necropsy labs. There will be opportunities to go out locally in the field to observe native herps. Blood may be collected from some of these animals. No private collecting is allowed.

FEES:

Tuition for the 6 night course is \$804.00, which should be paid by all participants upon being informed of their acceptance. Tuition covers course fees for the course and room and board at the SWRS. Preferred methods of payment are personal check, certified check, or money order, payable to SWRS. Credit card fees have increased considerably over the past year; please call the SWRS if you must use a credit card: 520-558-2396. Transportation costs between home and Tucson (air) and the SWRS (car) are to be covered by all participants. As participants register we will collect email addresses and send to all registrants so that they can arrange carpooling to and from the Station.

HOW TO APPLY:

The application form is available on the course website (link has been shortened for convenience):

<https://goo.gl/y1BhjG>

FOR LOGISTICS ABOUT THE COURSE PLEASE CONTACT:

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FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE SWRS PLEASE CONTACT:

Group Coordinator, Erinn Enriquez, at aenriquez@amnh.org or 520-558-2396

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: 29 June 2018.

IF ACCEPTED INTO THE COURSE, FEES ARE DUE BY 13 July 2018.