Sweet Briar College

and the

Virginia Vernal Pools Campaign

are pleased to announce an

"Isolated Wetlands Conference & Vernal Pond Building Workshop"

Featuring Tom Biebighauser,

Author of A Guide to Creating Vernal Ponds (http://herpcenter.ipfw.edu/outreach/VernalPonds/index.htm) and Wetland Drainage, Restoration, and Repair (http://www.kentuckypress.com/viewbook.cfm?Category_ID=1&Group=197&ID=1396)

September 28-30, 2007

(5:00 p.m. Friday to 2:00 p.m. Sunday)

Conference presentations, full-day construction workshop, on and offcampus field exploratories and lots of take-home resources!

\$75.00 Registration Fee (includes two meals only; lodging is separate)

Conference Schedule (tentative)

Friday, September 28:

4:00 p.m. Early check-in at the Florence Elston Inn on Sweet Briar College campus

6:30 p.m. Welcome (Dr. Linda Fink, SBC Biology Chair) Opening Presentations:

- *A Plethora of Pools* by Mike Hayslett (SBC, *Virginia Vernal Pools* campaign)
- Understanding isolated wetlands protection by Nora Iseli (US Army Corps of Engineers) and Mark Bushing (Virginia Department of Environmental Quality)
- Wetlands Restoration by Tom Biebighauser (author, US Forest Service)

9:50 p.m. Optional Outing: Alien Abduction at Guion Pond!

Saturday, September 29:

Hands-on wetland construction/resto on Sweet Briar College campus led l	1
Lunch (Prothro dining hall or Le Bis	tro)
Hands-on construction workshop con	ntinues
Stroll the expansive campus, mingle swim, rest & relax	with wetlandites & share stories, nap,
Buffet dinner in the Elston Inn	
	prepared by Chef Glenton Goodwill <u>e string band</u> , <i>Bramble & Rose</i> Brian Watson (VaDGIF) Mike Hayslett Nora Isley (US Army Corps) Dr. Linda Fink & students (SBC) Tom Biebighauser
<u>mber 30:</u>	
(Breakfast in Prothro dining hall) Caravan depart for off-site explorato	ry
Field tour of Piney River wetlands cA) natural wetlandsC) impacted wetlands (future)	omplex and conservation projects: B) impacted wetlands (historic) D) created/replacement wetlands
Box lunch at the Mooney quarry & r	retreat sanctuary (evaluations)
Conclude (participants can depart fro	om here or return to Amherst / SBC)
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Registration Details:

- Register by completing the "VP Conference Registration Form" below and sending it via e-mail to <u>mhayslett@sbc.edu</u> or by mailing it to: Mike Hayslett, Chapel 201, Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Virginia 24595
- You may also phone 434-381-6439 for assistance.

Lodging Details:

- A block of 18 rooms have been reserved at Sweet Briar College's **Elston Inn** on campus. Rooms are on a first-come/first-serve basis. Single occupancy rooms are limited. Double occupancy rooms may be shared with a roommate to defray lodging cost. To reserve rooms, call 434-381-6266 and ask for the "Wetlands Conference" rate and reservation block. Reserve early for availability!
- Area hotels and camping options are also available. Contact the Inn at the same number for details, or correspond with Mike for lodging arrangements other than at the Elston Inn. For further details on the Inn see: http://www.sbc.edu/elstoninn/
- For other area accommodations you can also see: <u>http://www.virginia.org/site/content.asp?SrchLocality=Amherst&MGrp=4&MCat=19</u>

Meal Details:

- Saturday supper (evening meal) and Sunday lunch are the only meals included in the registration fee. Attendees may obtain all other meals on campus, either in the Prothro dining hall or at Le Bistro near the conference center (campus map at: http://sbc.edu/map/).
 - Le Bistro offers a quaint grill menu with varying prices.
 - The dining hall serves buffet/line style; approximate meal prices are: Breakfast = \$4 Lunch = \$5 Dinner = \$6
 - Menus will be provided at check-in.
- Off-site meal options are also available in nearby Amherst & surrounding areas: <u>http://www.sbc.edu/elstoninn/elstoninn/dining.html#sbc</u>

Transportation Details:

- Lynchburg Regional Airport is closest to SBC: <u>http://www.flyvirginia.com/airport/LYH/</u>
- Driving directions to SBC can be found at: http://sbc.edu/about/directions.html?directions
- If you have problems and need assistance with airport pickup, please contact Mike at 434-381-6439.
- We will caravan to Sunday's field foray location using personal vehicles and/or College van(s).

Miscellaneous Details:

• Saturday and Sunday will be spent outdoors (Saturday in hands-on construction & learning activities and Sunday in a field foray). Please dress and provide personal gear accordingly. You may request a "List of Suggested Items" from Mike if you desire. Work gloves are recommended for Saturday.

VP Conference Registration Form

Please fill out all parts below and mail to the address provided. The \$75.00 registration fee payment should be submitted with the registration. Make checks payable to "Sweet Briar College" and write "Wetlands Workshop Sept. 2007" in the check memo. Thanks!

Contact Information

Name
Address
Phone Number(s)
E-mail Address:
Affiliation

Reception Posters

Posters relevant to the theme of the conference are welcome for display during the Saturday evening reception. If you would like to share information on a related project, product, etc. please complete the following:

Poster title/subject: _____

Description:

Meal Details

Saturday dinner and Sunday lunch are provided in the conference fee. Sunday box lunches for the off-site trip will include sandwich, pasta salad, fruit cup, cookies and drink. Please check your sandwich choice below:

[] Veggie wrap [] Smoked turkey and havarti on wheat

Please mail registration and fee by September 21 to:

Mike Hayslett Chapel 201, Sweet Briar College Sweet Briar, Virginia 24595