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Bat Conservation International 2009 BAT CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP Mammoth Cave, KY • Barree, PA



These popular workshops are filling fast. Reserve your place for a unique opportunity to learn about bats, their conservation and the latest tools and techniques for studying them in the field. Experience six days of class work, discussions and hands-on field trips with expert instructors.

More than 1,460 people have attended BCI workshops since 1990. Here's why:

- *Hands-on:* bat handling, identification, netting and trapping
- *Experience with field techniques:* radio-tracking, marking, light-tagging, echolocation recording, advanced capture techniques
- *Lectures and demonstrations:* habitat assessment and management, conservation and status determination
- *Qualified staff:* BCI biologists, local colleagues and regional experts with at least 20 years of bat-conservation experience
- *Small class size:* 1 instructor per 4-5 students at all field settings
- *Networking opportunities:* educators, consultants and peers
- *All-inclusive cost:* \$1,395 covers lodging, materials, meals and take-home resources

Kentucky: July 14-19

In partnership with the National Park Service at Mammoth Cave, we focus on underground environments and their importance to bats, including the endangered gray and Indiana myotis. Students explore cave habitats and learn to assess past bat use by identifying hibernation staining and quantifying historic guano piles. All fieldwork here is part of a vital, long-term inventory program for the Park Service.

Pennsylvania: August 14-19

Solving bat/human conflicts is a special focus at our workshop in central Pennsylvania, which has long been a center of artificial-roost development. Participants will visit an abandoned church, now home to more than 20,000 little brown myotis and a growing population of endangered Indiana myotis. The Pennsylvania Game Commission and Bureau of State Parks jointly manage this and other nearby roosts, including an old limestone mine where six species hibernate. A visit into the mine provides stark contrast to the late-summer habitat above ground. Later in the evening, a return trip will allow students to witness thousands of bats swarming the entrances and to net and examine large numbers of them.

For information and online applications, visit:

<http://www.batcon.org/index.php/education/workshops.html> or contact Peg Lau Hee at 512-327-9721 or workshops@batcon.org