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Member Opportunities for 1998

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FIELD STUDY WORKSHOPS

BCI's successful field study workshop program, now in its tenth year, has provided training to hundreds of wildlife biologists, educators, and other serious students of bat conservation. Through hands-on experience, participants learn bat conservation and research techniques including netting, trapping, radiotracking, night-vision observation, and habitat assessment. A limited number of full and partial scholarships are available for federal and state agency biologists, land managers, and others with special needs. Prices are all-inclusive from the departure city. For complete itineraries, application forms, or a list of additional training opportunities, contact Janet Tyburec at BCI, 512-327-9721, ext. 22, or via e-mail: jtyburec@batcon.org

Arizona

In Arizona we emphasize western bats, of which we can expect to capture and release as many as 17 species in a single evening, with additional close-up observations of endangered long-nosed and Mexican long-tongued bats at hummingbird feeders.

Limited to 12 people per session.

Three 5-day sessions beginning June 9, June 14, and June 19, 1998

Cost: \$995 (from Tucson, AZ)

Pennsylvania

In Pennsylvania we emphasize eastern bats and habitats with activities designed to teach participants how to make a personal difference for bat conservation. Included is an early-morning field trip to an ancient churchyard, where the dawn return of 10,000 little brown bats will fill the sky above us.

Limited to 15 people per session.

Two 5-day sessions beginning August 14 and August 21, 1998

COST: \$995 (from Harrisburg, PA)

Kentucky

At Mammoth Cave National Park, Kentucky, we emphasize the unique habitat needs and conservation initiatives facing cave-dwelling bats, including the federally endangered gray bat and Indiana myotis. BCI staff, along with regional US Forest Service and US Fish and Wildlife Service biologists, provide instruction and guidance during the workshop, with a

special focus on underground habitats. Continuing Education Credit from Western Kentucky University is available.

Limited to 25 people.

Tentative dates: September 6-11, 1998

Cost: \$995 (from Louisville, KY)

NATURAL HISTORY TOURS

For the past six years, BCI has been offering natural history tours like no others: special trips to tropical locations with an emphasis on creatures of the night--bats! Join us in one of these opportunities to become acquainted with bats in their natural habitats and to observe the vital ecological roles they play. Travel is arranged by International Expeditions. Prices are all-inclusive from the departure city.

Founder's Circle Tour to Borneo

BCI members are invited to join this once-in-a-lifetime, 18-day adventure with Merlin Tuttle. See page 18 for highlights.

Limited to 18 people.

March 10 - March 27, 1998

Projected cost: \$6,798 (from Los Angeles, CA)

Price includes a \$1,000 tax-deductible contribution to BCI, which entitles you to the Founder's Circle level of membership and benefits for one year.

For a complete itinerary and registration information, contact Arnold Phiifer at BCI, 512-327-9721, ext. 26, or via e-mail: aphiifer@batcon.org

Belize

Incredible wildlife diversity and the ruins of the ancient Mayan civilization make Belize an irresistible destination for travelers. Along with parrots, monkeys, jungle cats, and crocodiles, we'll see plenty of fruit- and nectar-eating bats, and possibly some of the world's most unusual bats, such as the bizarre wrinkle-faced bat or the dainty proboscis bat.

Our trip will take us bat-netting in a dense tropical forest; on a day trip to the site of Belize's oldest, largest Mayan ruin; to the famed Jaguar Preserve for an exotic evening netting bats; and for a full-day boat excursion with snorkeling along the impressive Belize Barrier Reef.

Limited to 18 people.

April 10 - April 20, 1998

Cost: \$2,998 (from Houston or Miami)

Price includes a \$250 tax-deductible donation to BCI's Latin American Conservation and Education Initiatives Program.

For a complete itinerary and registration information, contact Janet Tyburec at BCI, 512-327-9721, ext. 22, or via e-mail: jtyburec@batcon.org

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