



2026 Annual Meeting and Research Symposium October 7 – 9, 2026 University of Louisiana at Monroe

The New Frontier: Managing Wildlife at the Public-Private Land Interface



The 2026 Annual Meeting and Research Symposium will be on October 8-9, 2026 at Bayou Pointe on the University of Louisiana at Monroe campus in Monroe, Louisiana. The pre-symposium workshop will be held on Louisiana Tech University's South Campus in Ruston, Louisiana on October 7, 2026.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS!!!

Our October Symposium is right around the corner! LAPB is looking for student and professional presentations to inform attending members of research occurring in and around Louisiana. Please submit an abstract to Dr. Ana Couvillon (couvillon@ulm.edu) by 5:00 PM on September 18, 2026. Our fall symposium is open for any and all research focuses but is specifically looking for any for research related to ecosystem function, wildlife species management, habitat manipulations and management, and human dimensions regarding wild things and wild places for 2026. To encourage presentations, LAPB has restructured its Presentation Award system. Submit an abstract and present well to find out just how much you might be awarded!

Registration for the LAPB 2026 Annual Meeting and Research Symposium is \$75 for professionals and \$25 for non-presenting students. Presenting students will have free registration. The LAPB annual membership of \$25 is included in the registration fee. The LAPB lifetime membership is \$200. If you are lifetime member, registration is \$50.

NOTE: Graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to submit abstracts for both poster and oral presentations. If professionals wish to present research, they should submit abstracts as possible poster presentations.

POSTER DIMENSIONS: Poster should be 48" x 36" or less. Easels, boards, and clips will be provided to display posters.

For the **Pre-symposium Workshop**, LAPB, in collaboration with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Louisiana Tech University, will be hosting a Hunter's Education Certification class. You will receive training from Mr. David Maddix, LDWF Hunter Education Biologist, that will include classroom lectures/discussions, as well as firearm training in the field. You will also take a final exam to complete certification. This workshop will be held Wednesday, October 7, 8 AM – 5 PM, in the Forest Lab Building on Louisiana Tech University's South Campus. To register for this course through LAPB, first complete and submit this Google form: <https://forms.gle/JENmG8GSdVSG5Hfy8>. You must complete this form by noon on Friday, October 2, to receive a Newk's box lunch. The pre-symposium workshop is being offered free to participants, but spaces limited to 15 people. After submitting this form, you will receive an email with information on how to register for this course through the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Contact Dr. Heidi Adams (hadams@latech.edu) if you have questions.



A **Hotel Block** for the LAPB Meeting and Research Symposium has been made at the Holiday Inn Express, 603 Constitution Drive, West Monroe, LA 71292, (318) 807-6000. The event block is "Louisiana Association of Professional Biologists." The block rate for the hotel is \$139 + tax / night. Rooms must be reserved by September 23 to receive the block rate. Use this [LINK](#) for direct access to the hotel block reservation website.



Nominations for **Outstanding Publication Awards** should be sent to Dr. Heidi Adams (hadams@latech.edu) by 5:00 pm on September 18, 2026. Articles should have been published in 2025, at least one author must be a paid member of LAPB/TWS, and the paper must fit one of the following categories: Popular, Basic Research, General Conservation, Fisheries, or Wildlife.

Applications for the **LAPB scholarship** are now being accepted! The LAPB Scholarship is a competitive scholarship that awards \$1,000 to a student(s) pursuing or planning to pursue college studies in the following curriculums: wildlife management, fisheries management, forestry, wetland science, marine biology, or other closely related fields. While preference is given to incoming freshmen, all eligible students are encouraged to apply. Submit the application and all required information by September 25, 2026 to Mr. Max Cox, LAPB Treasurer / Scholarship Committee Chair (Max.Cox@usda.gov). Refer to the scholarship application for details on eligibility.



The **LAPB Photography Contest** is open to all registered symposium attendees. Winners will be chosen by attendees and awards will be given during the evening social – so make plans to attend the social!

Photography Contest Guidelines:

- Categories: Landscape, Wildlife, and Game Camera
- Photographs must be captured with a digital or film camera
- Photographs must be in color or black-and-white prints, with a minimum size of 8" x 10" and maximum size of 8" x 12"
- Entries must be mounted on a stiff 11" x 14" black backing. Framed prints will not be accepted
- Do not place your name or caption on photo. Place your name on the back of your backing
- Bring your submission to the Symposium and enter in the contest in person
- There is an entry fee of \$5 per photo with a maximum of 10 entries per individual.

Attention Student Chapters! You are invited to host a swag/info table at the Thursday evening dinner and social of the LAPB Annual Meeting and Research Symposium, October 8. If you would like to host a table, contact Dr. Ana Couvillon (couvillon@ulm.edu) by 5:00 PM on September 18, 2026.



IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING!!!

During the annual meeting (to be held the afternoon of October 8), the membership will be asked to vote on constitution and bylaw amendments proposed by the current executive board. Full resolutions to be voted upon will be provided soon, among them changes to executive board positions. If passed, the positions will then need to be filled. These positions include:

Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Newsletter Editor
Technology Coordinator
Social Media Coordinator

Student Representative

If you are interested in running for one or more of these positions should the resolutions pass, please send a brief bio and photo of yourself to Dr. John Foret (jdforet@fenstermaker.com) by September 25, 2026, stating in which of the positions you are interested. Questions may also be directed to Dr. John Foret.