The 2006 Zoology research retreat, September 8-10, is fast approaching, and it is time to register. Please do so by August 31st by completing the reservation form (http://www.ou.edu/uobs/ZooRetreat.htm) and by sending a check (payable to The University of Oklahoma) to Randy Hewes. By registering before the deadline, you will help us to plan appropriately for meals, beverages, rooms, and presentation sessions. The registration fees for graduate students will be paid for through the Zoology Activities Fund. Thanks Bill!

The plan is to have two sessions for research talks on Saturday, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. **Everyone (graduate students, faculty, and postdocs) is encouraged to present a talk.** It doesn’t matter whether you are just getting started on your research project or if you have a complete story, we want to hear about it! Each speaker will have 15 minutes (~12 minutes for the presentation and ~3 minutes for questions). We’ll also have a social on Friday night (with beverages and snacks), free time and organized athletic options on Saturday afternoon, and some fun evening activities.

On the registration form, please indicate whether you’ll be bringing any kids and would be interested in contributing some money to hire one or two OU students to assist with activities and events for the kids during the scientific sessions.

Also, we’re still looking for graduate student volunteers to help with planning the Saturday evening events. Come on gang, we know you are out there!

See you at the Station!!