

**31<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
MISSOURI HERPETOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**  
Bull Shoals Field Station

Meeting Date: September 29-30, 2018

Place: Bull Shoals Field Station, approximately 10 miles southeast of Kirbyville off Rt. J in Taney County (see below).

Accommodations: A dormitory (bunk beds and cots for approximately 30 people on a first come basis) and sites for tent camping near the Drury House are available. Bring pillow, sleeping bag or bedding. There is a \$5 charge for anyone staying overnight. Motel rooms are available in nearby Forsyth and Branson for the less adventurous.

Food: This year we will again have a POTLUCK for the Saturday evening dinner. Please bring a hot dish, salad, chips, dessert, hot rolls, chicken wings, etc. Supply your own drinks and tableware for dinner.

Saturday Paper Session: Starts at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, September 29. Members planning to present a paper should fill out and return the attached registration form to Jeff Briggler no later than **September 21**.

Saturday Evening Event: Hugh Quinn will give an after-dinner presentation on turtle conservation around the world entitled "Review of global threat patterns to tortoises and freshwater turtles, along with an evaluation of current conservation actions." Hugh's talk will be followed by the usual fellowship, live music (bring instruments), spinning of tall and short tales, etc.

Sunday: TBA

**Directions to Bull Shoals Field Station:** From Springfield, take Highway 65 south about 38 miles, then exit at MO 248 (red route – red diamond on exit sign). There will be a traffic light at the intersection of the exit ramp and 248. Turn left (east) which will take you into old downtown Branson. At the roundabout, select Veterans Blvd (Business 65) that continues south through a major intersection with Main Street. After this intersection the road becomes MO 76 east. Continue on Hwy 76 for 6 miles. As you leave town, cross Lake Taneycomo and turn left after the bridge. After the long hill and some curves, you will also pass a golf course and new developments on the right. Shortly after passing a small school (Kirbyville), turn right (south) onto county road J. Follow Rt. J for about 6 miles, and then **go straight through the four-way intersection** (a Missouri Department of Conservation sign points toward the nearby Mincy Conservation Area indicating a turn to the right).

The pavement turns to gravel as you pass through an open gate where you will see yellow Department of Conservation signage for the Drury Conservation Area. You will later pass through a second bar gate, which is usually locked, but open for special events. Follow the gravel road for 4 miles until it dead ends at the field station. You will see the Bull Shoals Field Station sign and the large stone house overlooking the lake.

**Map:** A PDF map to the station is available on the MHA website at: <http://mha.moherp.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/bsfsmmap.pdf>.

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