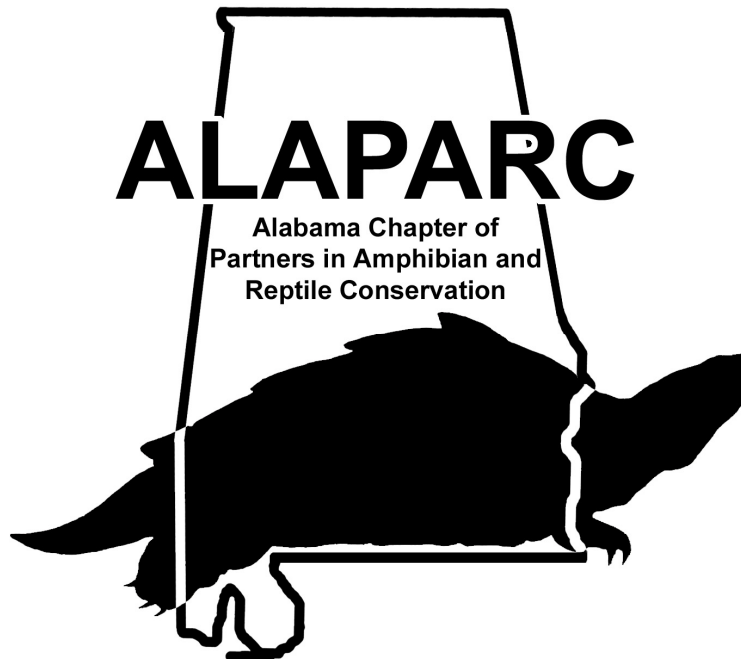


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Fall Meeting

WHEN

November 6-8, 2009

LOCATION

Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center
Andalusia, Alabama

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A note from the Co-Chairs

ALAPARC is less than a year old, and yet, already it has become apparent that we have tapped into a current of enthusiasm that was present long before it began. We have filled many important positions in our organization (although several more remain....interested?), cranked out a beautiful website, and our first meeting is sure to be a complete success. However, for our organization to be successful, we must continue to encourage this tidal wave, harness it, and work together to develop strategies for amphibian and reptile conservation in this state. With so many endemic species and federally listed species, we have much to lose, and it is up to us. What are you prepared to do? Let us know this November at our first meeting!

David Steen and Sean Graham
Co-Chairs, ALAPARC



Inaugural Meeting

WHEN: November 6-8, 2009

LOCATION: Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center, Andalusia, Alabama

Directions are available on the Solon Dixon F.E.C. Website at:

(<http://sdfec.auburn.edu/directions.html>)

Registration is open for our inaugural meeting, scheduled for November 6-8, 2009 at the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center in Andalusia, Alabama. Registration information is available on our website: <http://www.alaparc.org/meetings.html>.

Our invited session on Saturday has confirmed the following speakers:

[Matt Aresco](#), Nokuse Plantation

[C. Kenneth Dodd, Jr.](#), University of Florida

[Craig Guyer](#), Auburn University

[Chris Jenkins](#), Project Orianne

[John Jensen](#), Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Furthermore, we have scheduled oral and poster presentations from Alabama state agencies, universities, and private organizations for Saturday and Sunday. Register now to ensure a space.

Abstract Submission Deadline Set at September 18th!!

Please submit your abstract for an oral or poster presentation this week!

Although ALAPARC is focused on Alabama Herp Conservation, our view is that any information on Alabama herps or conservation is beneficial to ALAPARC. We encourage presentations on brief projects, preliminary information, field notes, reviews of interest, or more thorough research. Submissions from faculty, graduate students, undergraduates, or the private sector are welcome. The point of our meeting is to get together for research updates, and idea/information exchange!

Go to <http://www.alaparc.org/meetings.html> for submitting abstracts and registration information

Get Involved

We are eager to hear your input regarding ALAPARC initiatives and direction. Individuals have already suggested ideas for presentations, workshops, and conservation efforts that we are now working to facilitate.

As a volunteer-run organization, we are dependent on your initiative. Please feel free to contact us at AlabamaPARC@gmail.com for more information, or to sound off.

We also are soliciting motivated and enthusiastic individuals to serve as public relations liaison, member(s) at large, and for volunteers to help us organize and run our meeting. Don't see a title that interests you? Suggest one.

ALAPARC Blog and Website Up and Running

To facilitate informal communication with our membership and rapid dissemination of news, we have created a blog for Alabama PARC. Please visit us here: www.alaparc.blogspot.com

Additionally, our official website has been updated and re-launched. Check it out at www.alaparc.org and come back often to stay abreast of ALAPARC news, initiatives, and opportunities to get involved.



Alabama PARC (www.alaparc.org) is chaired by David Steen and Sean Graham and is a chapter within Southeast PARC (SEPARC) co-chaired by Betty Crump and Gabrielle Graeter. For more information about SE PARC visit www.separc.org. For more information about PARC, visit www.parcplace.org.