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In the Spotlight!

In an effort to highlight the diversity and breadth of our TSA membership, we are starting a "Member Spotlight" feature on our e-newsletter. Most of you will probably remember that we kicked off this initiative by featuring David Shapiro and Michael Rapley in our August 2008 publication. Well, now we're ready to expand our efforts and we want to meet you!

Click [here](#) to contact Heather and you will receive a short questionnaire that you can complete at your convenience. Some of the questions are serious - some kind of silly - but we would just like to get an idea of who you are, so we can introduce you to the group!

Call for Photos / Videos

We are currently seeking photos from all previous conferences. If you have attended any of the previous six symposiums, and have photos to share, please send them to HLowe@turtlesurvival.org. If possible, let us know what year the images were taken. If you have several images to submit (or the files are too large to e-mail), you can put them on CD and mail them to TSA, 1989 Colonial Pkwy., Fort Worth, TX 76110.

We are also seeking turtle videos to be screened on the second night of conference, August 6. If you have one that you would like to have considered (or just have footage that could be used in a compilation), please contact Chuck Schaffer at chelonian1@aol.com.

Student Discounts!

The TSA is more committed than ever to engaging students, realizing that they represent the future of turtle conservation! *If you are affiliated with a university or any other educational institution, please share these offers with your students or peers by forwarding this message.* We have launched a new **Student Membership** category, available for only \$25 annually. In addition, students are eligible to receive a **\$50 discount on conference registration** (see below for details on our 7th Annual

Symposium, coming up August 5-8). Just enter the coupon code "Student" when registering online. Please bring your Student ID to conference to confirm your student status at check-in.

For students willing to pitch in and help at [conference](#) this year, we are offering **FREE** registration. Student conference volunteers will be asked to help with a variety of tasks, including registration and check-in, silent auction and other duties as needed. Your time will be respected and duties will be divided so that you will still get to attend plenty of presentations and activities. *This special opportunity is limited to three students - two of these spots are still up for grabs!*

To reduce travel expenses, we have also arranged for **student rooms** at the conference hotel which will accommodate up to four students for each room; students will share the hotel expense with the other students in the room. Contact Heather Lowe with questions about any of these opportunities at 817-759-7262 or HLowe@turtlesurvival.org.

Summer in St. Louis!

Registration is underway for our 7th annual Symposium, generously hosted by the renowned St. Louis Zoo. This event is the largest gathering of non-marine chelonian biologists and captive breeding specialists in the world. We understand that these are tough economic times and are making an effort to keep costs to a minimum. This meeting will be an extraordinary value, with an icebreaker, zoo tour, awards banquet, BBQ and auction, and breakfasts included in the cost of registration. Double rooms will cost under \$100.00 per night. Learn more and register by clicking [here](#).

The conference hotel is the Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark, click [here](#) to visit our group page.

Those interested in speaking should contact TSA Program Co-Chairs Chuck Schaffer at chelonian1@aol.com or Andrew Walde at awalde@hotmail.com

For vendor information, or to volunteer, please contact Conference Chair Lonnie McCaskill at lonnie.mccaskill@disney.com.

Educators and other chelonian enthusiasts: this is a perfect venue for students to present their research at a professional conference in a friendly atmosphere. Visit our website for more information at www.turtlesurvival.org or contact Beth Walton at walton.beth@gmail.com for more information on student paper and poster presentations. We hope to see you there!

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