

The Wildlife Society's 2009 Western Student's Conclave

Utah State University, Logan Utah

March 6 - 9th, 2009



Student Paper Presentations

Presenting your research is an important and vital part of science and management. It gives you a chance to speak in front of a group of your peers and get feedback on your research. Public speaking is a part of any career path you follow. The more practice you get the better prepared you are for your professional life. Be sure to sign up to present your research during conclave and enjoy sharing what you have learned.

General Comments:

- Oral presentations can include, but are not limited to, student research projects, class research projects, summer field work, volunteer projects, literature reviews and other.
- Each presenter will have 15 minutes for the presentation and 5 additional minutes for comments or questions. You will be asked to stop if you go beyond the 20 minute time limit. Be sure to *practice* and keep the presentation to the designated time limit.
- Depending on the number of presentations, we may run two concurrent sessions.
- The judges will consist of a panel of faculty (and possibly graduate students) from Utah State University.
- Utah State University presenters will not be judged.
- An award will be given for the presenter with the highest overall score.

Equipment Supplied:

- LCD projector hooked up to a desktop or laptop computer.
- Laser pointer.
- Overhead projector (upon request).
- Slide projector (upon request).

Format of Your Presentation:

- Use Microsoft Power Point or a compatible program for your format.
- Bring your presentation on USB jump/flash drive or CD.
- Contact a USU TWS member (in green polo shirts) before 8:30 am on Sunday March 8th to the install your presentation.

General Evaluation Criteria:

- You will be evaluated on your *overall* presentation ability.
 - Does the presenter speak well and clearly? Can the audience hear the presenter?
- You will be evaluated on the overall *design and interpretation* of the research project.
 - Does the presenter understand the problem the research has addressed? Does the presenter understand the analysis and interpretation of his/her observations?
- You will be evaluated by the *application* of the project into the scientific/management community.
 - Does the presenter see the big picture and where his/her project fits in? How might the presenter apply the observations to real world situations?
- You will be evaluated on the slide *layout and flow*.
 - Was it easy to follow the presentation? Were the slides well organized?

*Be sure to fill in your presentation title on your registration form.

Good luck with your oral presentations! We look forward to hearing about your research and projects.