



**The Seventh Annual Meeting of the North American Black Fly Association
(NABFA)
Archbold Biological Station, Lake Placid, Florida US, February 4-6, 2009**

Chair: John P. Walz

Greetings NABFA members, Friends and Colleagues,

This is to announce the seventh annual meeting of the North American Black Fly Association (NABFA) and first call for papers and posters. We invite black fly enthusiasts, scientists, researchers and students to join and exchange ideas, information and camaraderie. The meeting will be held at the Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid, Florida US. (<http://www.archbold-station.org/abs/index.htm>).

Opening ceremonies will begin on Wednesday February 4 at 12:30 pm. Depending on the number of speakers and presentations, the meeting should conclude early Friday afternoon, on February 6th. Please make note of this and schedule your travels accordingly.

LODGING:

On site lodging will be bunkhouse/cabin style, which by all accounts of our previous meetings, is reasonably comfortable and very convenient. Each cabin has a bathroom, small kitchen area and a living room. Linens are provided. Meals will be served through the station's dining room. Should you prefer private room lodging, **Hotel Valencia**, <http://www.hotelvalenciafl.com> (formerly Ramada Inn) is located approximately 5 miles north of the Archbold Station on Highway 27.

TRANSPORTATION / ARRIVAL POINTS:

Possible airports include Fort Myers, Sarasota/Bradenton, Orlando and Miami, with Orlando probably offering the best rates. The Archbold Station is located south of Lake Placid, approximately 3 miles from the intersection of Highways 27 & 70 (both roads are found on maps of Florida). From the intersection of Highways 27 and 70, take Highway 70 west for 1.5 miles. Turn left onto Old State Road 8. Take Old State Road 8, 1.8 miles and the main gate to the Archbold Biological Station will be on the right. Directions from airports: <http://www.archbold-station.org/abs/visitorinfo/visitorairportdriving.htm>

MEETING REGISTRATION

The registration deadline for the meeting is **JANUARY 16, 2009**. Advanced payment is not required. Registering early will assure you lodging on site. **A link has been set up for online registration at <http://www.mmcd.org/pdf/blackflyform08.pdf>** If you prefer you may print the registration form (below or online) and fax it to: John Walz, MMCD, Fax # 651-645-3246. The registration form details lodging, meal and registration fees – which are quite reasonable – and are all payable to Archbold Biological Station in \$US.

PRESENTATIONS:

This year 20 minutes will be allowed for each presentation. If more time is needed please contact me and we will try to accommodate your needs. A projector will be available for electronic presentations. This will be the preferred presentation method. Presentations should be brought to the meeting on a CD or USB compatible device. Please save your presentation as either a PowerPoint presentation (ppt) or PowerPoint show (pps) -- PowerPoint show is the preferred format. Please save your file using the following format, NABFA_first initial_last name.pps, (ex: NABFAjwalz.pps). This will prevent confusion during loading for those who have similar file names. For those who wish to use slides, a projector will be available. However, I encourage everyone to use PowerPoint so we can load the talks on the computer before the start of each session.

Poster presentations are also encouraged.

Please submit presentation titles and abstracts including authors (200 words or less) by January 9, 2009.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to a great turnout.

Thanks!

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North American Black Fly Association (NABFA) Registration Form

February 4-6, 2009, Archbold Biological Station, P.O. Box 2057, Lake Placid, FL. US 33862
Advanced payment not required.

Registration Deadline is January 16, 2009.

Name: _____ M: _____ F: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Agency: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____ e-mail: _____

Roommate Requested: _____

Arrival Date/Time _____ Departure Date/Time _____

Indicate any special lodging needs (snorer, light sleeper, etc.) _____

Registration, Meal and Lodging costs (please fill out and total)

Registration Fee (50.00 US) \$50.00

Late Registration Fee an additional \$25.00 (after Jan 16) _____

Meals (indicate if Vegetarian)

Feb 4 Wednesday

Continental Breakfast (served 6:30 - 8:00) @ \$3.00 _____

Lunch (served at noon) @ \$6.00 _____

BBQ Dinner/Reception (included w/ registration) served 6:00 p.m.
(please Indicate BBQ choice, steak, chicken or fish) _____

Lodging @ \$25.00 _____

Feb 5 Thursday

Continental Breakfast (served 6:30 - 8:00) @ \$3.00 _____

Lunch (served at noon) @ \$6.00 _____

Dinner (served at 6:00pm) @ \$8.00 _____

Lodging @ \$25.00 _____

Feb 6 Friday

Continental Breakfast (served 6:30 - 8:00) @ \$3.00 _____

Lunch (served at noon) @ \$6.00 _____

Lodging @ \$25.00 _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Please Include T-shirt size for each registrant

SMALL _____ MEDIUM _____ LARGE _____ LARGEX _____ LARGEXX _____ LARGEXXX _____