EEB Retreat 2012

Hello!
This coming weekend is our biology department retreat! Come prepared to catch up with your colleagues, talk science, enjoy good food and drink, and spend some time outdoors.

Below we provide a more detailed schedule that builds on the information that was sent out previously. Please feel free to contact us with questions or concerns.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON (formal science discussion):
The retreat will be held at the Class of 66 Lodge (formerly Harris Cabin). To access the cabin, expect a 15-20 minute drive, followed by a 15-20 minute walk. Parking is limited, so please look for opportunities to car pool. Driving directions and additional information are available at the bottom of this page (http://www.dartmouth.edu/~doc/cabins/classof66lodge/).

EE Retreat 2012 Science Program, **beginning at 2:45**

*Initial introductions: In addition to name, lab, and other vital stats, please be prepared to spend a few minutes outlining either
1. The most interesting paper that you have read recently (and why you found it so interesting) or
2. An obstacle that you are currently facing in your research (there might just be someone in the crowd who has some suggestions that they'd be willing to share over dinner or while hiking the next day).

*Sensory ecology and evolutionary biology discussion: In this activity, we'll do some self-experimentation and solicit audience expertise to discuss topics from seed dispersal to food security. This discussion should also provide perspective on the range of questions addressed and methods used by members of the same department!

*Upcoming courses and announcements: What graduate courses are being offered this year? What courses would we like to see in the rotation in the future? This is a time to plug upcoming courses as well as to exchange ideas for things that may be offered in the future (including faculty-grad co-taught courses). At this time, we'll also do other department announcements (upcoming faculty hire, new IGERT program, etc), so please bring any news that you would like to share.

FRIDAY EVENING (dinner and social time)
After the science program, we will prepare and serve dinner (planning to have food on the table between 6 and 6:30). The main course will be hard and soft tacos with roasted vegetables, guacamole, salsa, cheese, rice, beans, etc. Beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages will be available. Dinner will be followed by a campfire (regulations permitting) and time to
swap field stories.

For those spending the night (fun and highly encouraged), the Class of 66 Cabin is quite comfortable. It has bunk beds, gas lights, and an outhouse. Bring your own bedding, headlamp, warm clothes, fuzzy socks, etc.

SATURDAY MORNING
Unlike past years, this year's retreat will feature the science content on a Friday afternoon rather than a Saturday morning in an attempt to be cognizant of those for whom evening and weekend times are difficult. Consequently, there will be no formal activities on Saturday, but there will be breakfast at 10 am Saturday followed by lots of opportunities for hiking and outdoor recreation. Bring your boots and your love of being outside!