



**Eighth Annual Meeting of the North American Black Fly Association (NABFA)
Archbold Biological Station, Lake Placid, Florida US, February 4 and 5, 2010**

Chair: John P. Walz

Greetings NABFA members, Friends and Colleagues,

This is to announce the eighth 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>). Students are especially encouraged to participate in the *Mike Spironello Award* competition presented annually to the student giving the best talk. The award was established to honor the memory of former NABFA Secretary and black fly researcher, Mike Spironello, who passed away unexpectedly in 2006.

LODGING:

On site lodging will be bunkhouse/cabin style, which 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://tinyurl.com/hotelvalencia> (1-863-465-3133) is located approximately 5 miles north of the Archbold Station on Highway 27. Additional hotel accommodations include the Holiday Inn Express located in Lake Placid.

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 15, 2010**. 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/blackflyform09.pdf>** If you prefer you may print the registration form 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. If you have any questions regarding lodging, you may contact Archbold Biological Station directly at:
1-863-465-2571.

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 8, 2010.

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

Thanks!

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