

Friday, May 20, 2005 **

5:00 – 6:00 PM Arrival, Registration & Snacks

6:00 – 7:00 PM Bob Behrstock: Dragonflies 101

This session is for the beginner odonata fan. Learn how to ID dragonflies & damselflies and their habitat. See what makes them so unique and why they are so fascinating.

Saturday, May 21, 2005 **

7:30 – 8:00 AM Continental Breakfast & brief ID Session

8:00 – 12:30 PM Field trips to Valley Locations

Our field trips will take you to area wetlands that have the most diversity of odonates. Six expert guides will sort out all those South Texas odes for you. There will be three different field trips each day with two guides per trip. They will decide which sites at the three locations will be the best for the participants. Water and bug spray will be provided. Bring your close-focusing binoculars and wear sturdy shoes, outdoor clothing, and hats for sun protection.

12:30 – 2:00 PM Lunch (on your own)

2:15 – 2:45 PM Daily List Call of what was observed on the field trips

2:45 – 3:45 PM Dr. Sid Dunkle: Damselflies

This session will be a survey of the major groups of North American damselflies, with notes on their identification and behavior. The natural history of damselflies will be compared and contrasted with that of dragonflies, and some Neo-tropical damselflies will be briefly compared with North American species.

4:00 – 5:00 PM Dr. Forrest Mitchell: Scanning Odonates

This session will be a general discussion of the equipment and software needed to scan odonates. James Lasswell will give a demonstration during the discussion.

5:00 – 6:30 PM On your own until the banquet

6:30 – 9:00 PM Banquet at Golden Raintree Gardens with Dennis Paulson as the keynote speaker.

Dennis will speak on "Dragonflies Around the World". He will give us a world tour with lengthy stops in the tropics. Be prepared to see some beautiful photographs of a wide variety of species he has encountered during his research and travels. This is a banquet you won't want to miss!!

Sunday, May 22, 2005 **

7:30 – 8:00 AM Continental Breakfast & brief ID Session

8:00 – 12:30 PM Field trips to Valley Locations

12:30 – 2:00 PM Lunch (on your own)

2:15 – 2:45 PM Daily List Call of what was observed on the field trips

2:45 – 3:45 PM James Lasswell: Folklore of the Dragonfly

This session will be a discussion on the aspects of the U.S., European, and Asian folklore of the dragonfly.

4:00 – 5:00 PM Dr. Forrest Mitchell: Nymphs & the Life Cycle of Dragonflies

This session will be a discussion on dragonflies from mating through the larva stage to emergence. James Lasswell will demonstrate with microscopes.

5:00 – 6:00 PM Tony Gallucci: "Ode to a River"

This session is a documentary that examines the odonate fauna of the Guadalupe River of Central Texas. While odonates are extremely mobile, and single source endemics are scarce, some species are known only from a few sites. The Guadalupe, with its abundance of microhabitat types, seem to have more than its share of the scarcer odonates, and is especially rich in damselflies.

**** Pre-Registration is Required for All Seminars, Field Trips, and the Banquet**