

Bat Survey Techniques Workshop Belize 2018



Dates: Oct 29th (arrive) – Nov 3rd (depart) 2018

Cost*: \$850 US/person

*Cost includes instruction, lodging and meals, in-country transportation to/from the field station and Philip Goldson International Airport, plus tax at the T.R.E.E.S Research Center. Cost does not include airfare to Belize.



About Us: We are Ecorana Environmental, an eco-travel and environmental education company that specializes in creating and planning applied learning holidays for students, researchers, and ecotourists alike. The Bat Survey Techniques Workshop will be held at our partner facility in Belize, operated by the Toucan Ridge Ecology and Education Society (T.R.E.E.S), a grassroots conservation organization. The T.R.E.E.S Research Station is a small biologist-managed research and education facility nestled in the picturesque Maya Mountains of Belize which feature outstanding avian and bat diversity.



About the Workshop: Learn how to properly use mist-nets and how to remove and safely handle bats, learn characteristics for identifying Neotropical bats and proper processing skills, learn how to record and use bat echolocation calls as a survey technique including the basics of bat detectors, and brush up on your bat photography skills. The instructors, Quentin Hays and Donald Solick, are both wildlife biologists with WEST, Inc. (www.west-inc.com) and offer more than 30 years of combined experience in the fields of bat ecology and conservation (http://www.west-inc.com/services/bat-research-and-monitoring/). Both have worked extensively in Central America.

N.B. To handle bats you must have proof of up-to-date rabies immunity, including a recent titer if you received the vaccine more than two years ago, more information can be found here:

<u>https://www.cdc.gov/rabies/specific_groups/doctors/serology.html.</u> If you have not been vaccinated for rabies but still wish to take the workshop, you are welcome to do so and will be able to participate in all activities except extraction of bats from nets and handling during processing.

Register: Contact us at registration@ecorana.ca to register for this very fitting All Hallows' Eve





educational getaway! This workshop precedes a North American Banding Council bird banding workshop and certification session. For participants wishing to sign up for both the bat workshop and the NABC workshop, a \$150 US reduction will be applied to the overall cost.