



**36<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southeast Deer Study Group**  
*Challenges In Deer Research and Management in 2013*

**February 24-26, 2013**  
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The following are guidelines for submitting an abstract for presentation consideration during the technical or poster sessions at the 36th Annual Southeast Deer Study Group meeting. All persons seeking to make a presentation must submit an abstract. Presentations will be selected based solely on the merits of the abstract's originality, quality, management applicability, and significance to the program theme. Abstracts scheduled for presentation will be compiled as part of the meeting proceedings. Subject matter may include progress reports, preliminary results, or research results intended for future publication. However, since the abstract is the only record of the presentation, evaluation will be based on abstract content and quality rather than what the authors intended to have prepared by the meeting. Presentations (including a question-and-answer period) will be limited to 20 minutes in length. A laptop computer and projector will be provided for PowerPoint presentations.

Each year the Southeast Deer Study Group presents a cash award and plaque for the best student presentation and a cash award to the second-best student presentation. To qualify as a student presenter, the senior author must be a graduate or undergraduate student, or in his or her first year of employment post schooling. Presentations are to be about the presenter's graduate research, senior thesis, or similar project in which he or she was involved while in school. The presenter must be the primary person involved in data collection, analysis, and presentation preparation. Authors wishing to compete for this award must check the box on the abstract submission form. Student abstracts will be subjected to the same review process as the other abstracts, and only those selected for inclusion in the meeting program will be eligible for the award. Award selection is based entirely on scientific relevance and presentation quality.

**Author Guidelines for Abstract Submission:**

The format of the abstract should be as follows:

- Type of presentation – please indicate whether presentation is intended for “Poster Session” or “Technical Session” by checking the appropriate box at the top of the cover sheet.
- Title – should be 15 words or less.
- The word ABSTRACT followed immediately by the text of the abstract, which is limited to 250 words.
- Formatted for 8.5”x11” paper with 1” margins.
- Times New Roman 12-point font and double spaced.
- All distances, areas, weights, etc., must be presented in English units (feet, acres, etc.).
- Do not include the author(s) on the abstract. The name(s), affiliation(s), and address(es) of the author(s) should appear only on the cover sheet.

The abstract should describe:

- What you studied and why – place the research in perspective by explaining the reason for the work.
- How you did your research – briefly explain your methods.
- What you found – summarize your results.
- What does it mean – state your conclusions and management implications.

Additional guidelines:

- **A cover sheet including name(s), affiliation(s), and address(es) of the author(s) must be submitted with each abstract. Save the cover sheet as a PDF under the senior author's last name.**
- Abstract should be submitted as a separate Microsoft Word document.
- Abstract and cover sheet must be emailed to [sedsg@dnr.sc.gov](mailto:sedsg@dnr.sc.gov)
- You will receive a confirmation email when your abstract has been received.
- For any questions, please contact Patty Castine at [castinep@dnr.sc.gov](mailto:castinep@dnr.sc.gov)
- **Abstract and cover sheet must be received by November 15, 2012.**

**Author Guidelines for Poster Presentation:**

- Maximum size for a poster is 42” wide x 32” tall, in landscape orientation.