



## 2018 Annual Meeting in Chattanooga

**April 20-22    A Learning Adventure**

The Chattanooga chapter invites you to join us for the Spring Meeting April 20, 21, and 22, 2018 on Chattanooga's burgeoning Southside. Meeting registration and Friday evening reception will be held at the pavilion of The Crash Pad boutique hostel off Main St., as well as a Sunday afternoon compilation of sightings. The annual meeting and banquet on Saturday evening will be held at The Well venue 3 blocks to the south. A variety of field trips on Saturday and Sunday mornings will showcase local birding hotspots.

### **Lodging**

Conference will be based at **The Crash Pad** boutique hostel, 29 Johnson St., Southside neighborhood, 37408, [www.crashpadchattanooga.com](http://www.crashpadchattanooga.com) (423) 648-8393. This is a lodge-type accommodation featuring enclosed bunks as well as private double rooms on an inexpensive hostel budget (\$30-75, with possible additional discount based on occupancy). Breakfast is included. Please visit their website for photos and details. (tip: click on Talk to Us, and read FAQs). Local hosts will be staying on-site.

For the less adventurous, the **Best Western** in Lookout Valley (next exit, 3 miles away) will also host TOS members for approximately \$89/night. They are holding a block of rooms for us, but advise that, if you book early, a lower rate might be found using an online travel site such as Trivago, Expedia, or TripAdvisor.

other nearby hotels include:

Country Inn and Suites (Lookout Valley) – approx. \$125/night

Holiday Inn Express (Lookout Valley) – approx. \$144/night

Hampton Inn (Lookout Valley) – approx. \$140/night

and of course,

The Chattanooga Choo-choo (downtown, 1 block from The Crash Pad) -  
\$159 hotel, \$189 pullman train car

## **Events**

Saturday night banquet - \$15 per person. Vegetarian options available.  
5 – 7:00 p.m. at **The Well** venue, 1800 Rossville Ave., Suite 110 (3 blocks south  
of The Crash Pad).

Guest speaker will be **J. Christopher Haney, PhD**, President and Founder of  
Terra Mar Applied Sciences, LLC, which focuses on conservation-oriented  
biological research carried out in the public interest. “Dr. Haney’s expertise  
straddles the fields of marine science, climate change, wildlife biology,  
ecosystem management, and conservation policy.” Some may know him as an  
author on the Defenders of Wildlife blog. His presentation will highlight  
ecosystem management and seabird conservation.

## **TOS Board of Directors Meeting**

Saturday at 2:00 at The Crash Pad pavilion or alternate indoor venue

## **Field Trips**

Saturday and Sunday mornings. Explore a variety of habitats with local guides,  
including Tennessee River, north Georgia, Chattanooga Nature Center, and a  
challenging Lookout Mountain hike. Sign up at reception Friday evening, see  
detailed descriptions of recent sightings and degree of difficulty.

## **Compilation**

Share your weekend results, help us compile a list of sightings for the weekend.  
Sunday at Noon at The Crash Pad pavilion.

## **Contact Information**

Danny Gaddy, CTOS President, (423) 316-5647, [gaddy@catt.com](mailto:gaddy@catt.com)

## **Registration**

\$15 per person, \$10 student

Please print out the attached form and mail with your registration fee to Gary Lanham, treasurer, at the address on the form.

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### TOS Spring Meeting Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

TOS Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Office held? \_\_\_\_\_

Weekend registrations # \_\_\_\_ at \$15 ( \_\_ \$10 student) each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet reservations # \_\_\_\_ at \$15 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed. Make check payable to CTOS. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration form and check to:

Gary Lanham CTOS

21 Cool Springs Road

Signal Mountain, TN 37377

**We look forward to seeing you in Chattanooga!**