

Dear Members,

As a former terrestrial biologist turned student for the present, I found this meeting to be a totally worthwhile experience. Many other organizations that I belong to are not as affordable and take place in locations that I can't get to without expending a lot of funds and a lot of effort. This was very affordable, and fairly local.

I have to say that I really enjoyed myself. Everyone there was really friendly, and the gatherings were a very good time (name tags were a big help in getting to know each other). The Friday-Saturday schedule worked really well. I only missed one day of classes and was in town to get back to work by 4pm. The Geneva Park centre was clean and nice, with really good food (emphasis here), and the ski equipment at no charge was great.

As a "bird nerd" a lot of the information was new to me if not the basic methods and concepts. It was interesting to see how different sectors use the same procedures. The topics were all really different, with some very entertaining people and surprising videos. Wonderful.

It was also a very nice surprise to be offered a student membership for attending this year's meeting and I have to say a big thank-you. It is very generous of the Ontario Chapter. It will be an invaluable asset to my resume and I fully plan on utilizing it to its fullest extent.

Thank you for having me.

Cheers,

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