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DERBY**

Announcement:

The San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of The Wildlife Society does hereby challenge its sister Western Section professional and student chapters (and professional/student joint ventures) to a wildlife bioblitz (hereby: "Taxa-derby") across the Western Section's reaches (California, Hawaii, Nevada).

Rules:

1. The Taxa-Derby will extend between 12:00 AM through 11:59 PM Sunday, April 19.
2. Each chapter may organize as many Teams as they wish to canvas as much territory as possible.
3. Teams may move between locations throughout the day; at each location, Teams must record their survey location, start/stop times, and species observation times.
4. At the conclusion of the Taxa-Derby, each Chapter will compile and submit final species lists for (a) their individual team(s), and (b) their Chapter.
5. Team(s) and Chapters will be scored based on the total number of species observed.
6. Definition of a wildlife 'species' includes non-domesticated native and non-native vertebrates: fish, amphibian, reptile, bird, and mammal species; an unidentified genus (i.e. *Peromyscus* sp.) will be counted once, but sub-species will not be counted.
7. Species must be identified by sight or sound (no tracks/sign); road kills can be counted.
8. Trapping and baiting (excluding established bird feeders) are prohibited.

Winner:

Bragging rights will be granted to the Chapter with the greatest number of species.

Additional bragging rights will be granted to the Team(s) with the (a) greatest number of non-bird species, (b) greatest number of mammal species, (c) greatest number of species + fewest miles traveled, (d) greatest number of species + greatest miles traveled, (e) greatest number of nocturnal species, (f) greatest change in elevation, (g) greatest number of species (percentage of State total), and (h) Chapter with greatest student participation (total # of students).

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