

**Braddock Bay Bird Observatory is pleased to offer a Banders' Training Course which will be taught on weekdays from Monday May 14 to Friday May 25, 2012. The course is open to anyone interested in learning or perfecting banding skills from supportive, professional staff. Training will take place at the Kaiser-Manitou Beach Banding Station, located just northwest of Rochester, NY on the shore of Lake Ontario at the height of spring migration.**

**Mornings will feature hands-on training in the field while afternoons will be devoted to lectures, demonstrations and in-depth instruction on various aspects of bird banding. Although the course is scheduled to run from 14-25 May, we can be somewhat flexible to arrange other times for the hands-on training and experience.**

**General topics to be covered in depth during the 10 day session include: netting and trapping techniques, removal of birds from mist nets, proper handling and processing of birds (including biometrics, ageing and sexing, skulling), data management, relations with the public, and banders' ethics.**

**The course uses training manuals produced by the North American Banding Council and is taught by NABC-certified Trainers and Master Banders. The two-week period of the course is timed with peak passerine migration when 100-300 bird days are not uncommon.**

**The cost of the course is \$425.00 (\$400.00 plus a \$25.00 registration fee), which includes the cost of housing and materials. Meals and transportation in the area are the students' responsibility. If you can provide your own housing, the cost of the course will be reduced by \$125.00; there is a \$50 discount for students enrolled in an institution of higher learning.**

**For additional information about the Banders' Training Course please contact:**

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May 2012 BANDER TRAINING COURSE  
FORM

APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Educational background \_\_\_\_\_

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Professional/vocational goals \_\_\_\_\_

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Previous banding experience \_\_\_\_\_

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References

(1) name \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_

phone \_\_\_\_\_

(2) name \_\_\_\_\_

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I enclose a check (payable to Braddock Bay Bird  
Observatory) for \$25.00 as a registration fee  
for the Bander Training course being offered  
at Braddock Bay, New York.

(The registration fee will be returned if the  
class is full or if the applicant can-  
cels prior to April 30.)

Please return this form with the registration fee to:

Robert McKinney, Treasurer  
Braddock Bay Bird Observatory  
PO Box 12876  
Rochester, NY 14612