

ANTS

ANT COURSE 2009

August 6 thru 16

Portal **Arizona**
SOUTHWESTERN RESEARCH STATION
SWRS

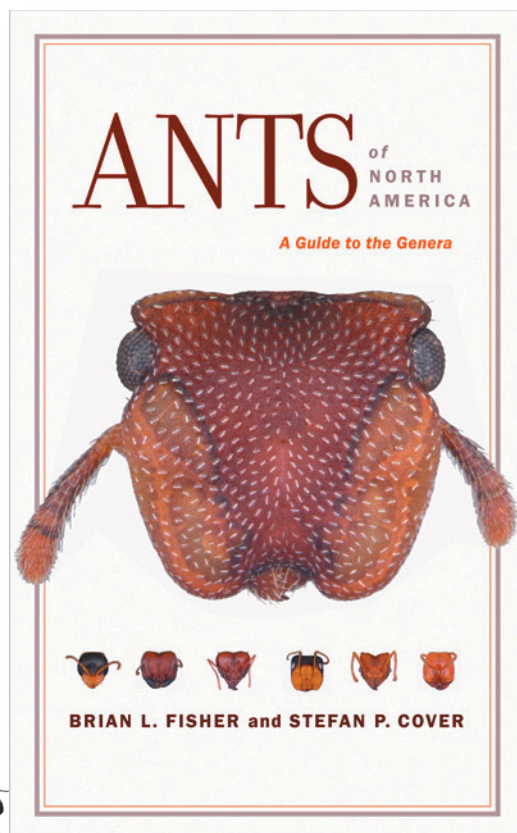
Deadline for application is April 1, 2009.

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ANT COURSE is a unique opportunity to acquire training providing students with:

1. the confidence and skills to identify the ant genera of North America
2. an understanding of modern specimen processing and curation techniques
3. an appreciation for the biological diversity of ants, and
4. experience keying to the species level.

Please visit www.antweb.org for application and course information. Visit www.research.amnh.org/swrs/ for information on SWRS.



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ANT COURSE is designed for systematists, ecologists, behaviorists, conservation biologists, and other biologists whose research responsibilities require a greater understanding of ant taxonomy and field research techniques. Emphasis is on the identification of the ant genera and species occurring in North America. Lectures will include background information on the ecology, life histories and evolution of ants. Field trips are structured to teach collecting and sampling techniques, and associated lab work provides instruction on specimen preparation, sorting and labeling. Information on equipment/supply vendors, literature, and myrmecological contacts are also presented.