

Free Frog Monitoring Workshops

Thursday, February 16, 2017 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 22, 2017 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

at Meadowbrook Conservation Center & Preserve in Valparaiso, Indiana



Join staff from Shirley Heinze Land Trust, The Field Museum, and Indiana University Northwest to see how you can help monitor the health of wetlands throughout the Chicagoland Area.

The abundance and distribution of frogs over time is an important indicator of the health of aquatic ecosystems, as frogs are very sensitive to changes in their environment. Land managers utilize these indicator species as an early warning sign of a declining habitat. By monitoring frog populations, citizen scientists can be a critical resource for land managers and herpetologists to collect large amounts of data that would otherwise be unattainable.

Alan Resetar, Amphibian and Reptile Collections Manager at The Field Museum, along with staff from Shirley Heinze Land Trust will host a free frog monitoring workshop on **Thursday, February 16th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Spencer Cortwright, Biology Professor at Indiana University Northwest, along with staff from Shirley Heinze Land Trust and The Field Museum will host a free workshop on **Wednesday, February 22nd from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

These workshops are for both beginning and experienced monitors. We'll teach and review the calls of our 13 frog and toad species, help monitors find survey sites, and discuss monitoring protocol. Experienced monitors are encouraged to attend, in order to learn any protocol changes, obtain data sheets, review frog calls, and share lessons learned from last year. Volunteers only need to attend one workshop. **To register for a workshop or for more information call Sarah at the Shirley Heinze Land Trust office at (219) 242-8558 or email sbarnes@heinzetrust.org.**

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