FrogWatch USA™ Volunteer Training Session

**When:** Saturday, February 23rd from 2-4:30 PM

**Where:** Frick Environmental Center
2005 Beechwood Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15217

**What:** FrogWatch USA™ is a nationwide citizen-scientist program where volunteers help monitor frog and toad populations by recording and reporting information on their calling activity.

**Who:** Anyone with an interest in helping protect our native wildlife!! No experience is necessary.

**Register at:** [www.showclix.com/event/frogwatch](http://www.showclix.com/event/frogwatch)

**Join us** at Frick Environmental Center to become a FrogWatch USA™ volunteer! Training will be provided on how to identify the various calls of our local frog and toad species, how to identify a good wetland to monitor, and how to record and enter your data into the FrogWatch USA™ online database.

Once trained, a FrogWatch USA™ volunteer will monitor a wetland of their choice for frog calling as often as they are willing, ideally twice a week during the frog breeding season (March-August). The data that is collected is made available to both the public and scientists and is used to track changes in species distributions.

Visit [www.pittsburghparks.org/events](http://www.pittsburghparks.org/events) to find out about other upcoming events at the Frick Environmental Center.
Become a FrogWatch USA™ Volunteer

What is FrogWatch USA™?
A frog and toad volunteer monitoring program with over ten years of data.

An opportunity for volunteers to get involved in their community to collect and report information about wetlands and frog and toad populations in the United States.

A nationwide program where participants learn and practice science and develop a closer relationship with the natural environment.

Frogs and toads are important - and in trouble!
Frogs and toads are both predators and prey in aquatic and terrestrial food webs. They directly benefit humans by eating insects that can be pests and transmit diseases.

Frogs and toads are sensitive to changes in their environment and are indicators of problems that can affect human health.

Many previously abundant populations have experienced dramatic population declines - in the United States and around the world. It is essential that we understand the scope, scale, and cause of these declines.

Anyone can volunteer and WE NEED YOU!
You do not have to be a frog or toad expert to make an important contribution!

You need an interest in learning about frogs and toads, the commitment to learn and identify their distinct calls, and the ability to make several evening visits to a local wetland.

You can be directly involved in gathering information that may help stop the decline of these important and treasured animals.

Get Involved! Contact Your Local FrogWatch USA™ Chapter to Learn More!
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FrogWatch USA was established in 1998 and adopted by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) in 2009. AZA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the advancement of zoos and aquariums in the areas of conservation, education, science, and recreation. Look for the AZA logo whenever you visit a zoo or aquarium as your assurance that you are supporting a facility dedicated to providing excellent care for animals, a great experience for you, and a better future for all living things.