

Backyard Frog Monitoring



Learning about frogs and the different sounds that they make is an exciting way to get kids outdoors, having fun and learning at the same time. They can record and document what they hear and submit it to the PAHERP site and FrogwatchUSA and help with conservation efforts.

Have kids listen to calls on the FrogwatchUSA website to familiarize themselves with a few of the local species of frogs in their area.

Take a trip outside or to the local park or pond and listen and record what you hear. The best time to hear frogs is at dusk or at night.

Kids can make notes of the frog calls and guess which ones they are hearing. Don't forget your data sheets. Make a note of the time, date, temperature and other helpful information.

Afterwards they can go back and listen to the recordings they made along with the ones provided on Frogwatch and compare the calls for a positive id.

Help them create an account at FrogwatchUSA and PAHERP and submit their data.

Materials:

Internet Access

Frog Call Recordings

http://www.nwf.org/FrogwatchUSA/frogs_state.cfm

Digital Recorder

Pen and Paper

Datasheet

Links:

FrogwatchUSA

<http://www.nwf.org/FrogwatchUSA>

PAHERP Database

<http://www.paherp.com/db>