

FrogWatch of the Flint Hills

What is FrogWatch?

Have a passion for conservation? Want to contribute to ongoing scientific research? Join our local chapter of FrogWatch USA at Sunset Zoo. FrogWatch of the Flint Hills is a citizen-science initiative that empowers community members to learn about their local wetlands and aid in the critical process of identifying local frog and toad species. The data collected by local citizens is shared nationally and influences conservation work. After completing training, volunteers collect data during evenings from February through August. Volunteers must complete one of three training sessions offered each spring comprised of three, three-hour classes; attendance at all three dates of a session is mandatory.



FrogWatch is a great way for individuals, groups and families to get involved in local conservation efforts. Monitoring occurs after dark, therefore participation may be best suited for those 14 and older.

Why Amphibians?

The [International Union for Conservation of Nature](#) (IUCN) estimates that at least one-third of *known* amphibian species are threatened with extinction; a rate significantly higher than bird or mammal populations. As a FrogWatch Volunteer, you'll assist with a survey of amphibians. This data will increase our understanding of the local population and its trends, informing future conservation efforts.

2020 Training Dates

Volunteers must complete one of three training sessions offered each spring comprised of three, three-hour classes; attendance at all three dates of a session is mandatory.

- Training Session #1 (14+) // Jan 24, Jan 31, & Feb 7 // 6:00pm - 9:00pm
- Training Session #2 (14+) // March 19, March 26, April 2 // 6:00pm - 9:00pm
- Training Session #3 (14+) // April 9, April 16, April 23 // 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Fees & Registration Information

As part of Sunset Zoo's commitment to inspire conservation of the natural world, we offer FrogWatch training to everyone interested at no cost. If you are interested in becoming a certified FrogWatch USA volunteer, please register by using the following link [FrogWatch Registration 2020](#). Space is limited and will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information please contact Nicole Wade at 785-587-2737 or wade@cityofmhc.com please make sure to put FrogWatch in the subject line of any emails.