

Become a Bay Area FrogWatch Volunteer!

What is Bay Area FrogWatch?

- Bay Area FrogWatch is the local chapter of a national program, FrogWatch USATM, which has been monitoring frogs and toads for over 10 years.
- Bay Area FrogWatch depends on volunteers to collect and report information about local wetlands and frog and toad populations.
- Participating volunteers have the opportunity to learn and practice science and develop a closer relationship with the natural environment.

Why monitor frogs and toads?

- 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.

Register for one of our two Bay Area FrogWatch trainings!

OR

Location: San Francisco Zoo **Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2015

Time: 5pm-7:30pm

Contact: Please contact Jessie Bushell at

JessieB@sfzoo.org

Location: CuriOdyssey

Date: Sunday, January 25, 2015

Time: 10am-1pm

Contact: Please contact Nikii Finch-Morales

at CitizenScience@CuriOdyssey.org



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