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YEAR OF THE FROG



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JOIN FROGWATCH USA

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Join FrogWatch USA in protecting frogs and toads across the country. FrogWatch USA is a great opportunity to show your support during AZA's "2008: Year of the Frog."

FrogWatch USA, a program of the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) supported by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), was founded in 1998 and modeled after the 37-year-old North American breeding bird survey and a similar frog and toad count. Today, FrogWatch USA has an estimated 1,500 citizen volunteers patrolling more than 2,000 registered wetland sites in 47 states.

No matter how much time your organization can devote to helping protect the frogs and toads in your area, there is always a way to be involved:

- 1) Become a Host for the FrogWatch USA program. Train others to monitor frogs and toads.
- 2) If you have a pond or wetland on your organization's property, you, your staff, or your volunteers can sign up to monitor frogs and toads on your property and report the results back to FrogWatch USA.
- 3) Promote the FrogWatch 2008 Spring Launch event. Details coming soon.
- 4) Promote frog monitoring and other wildlife volunteering opportunities. Connect NWF's National Wildlife Week (April 19-27) to your Party for the Planet events. More details on National Wildlife Week available soon.
- 5) Promote FrogWatch USA volunteering opportunities to your volunteers and other visitors. By doing so, you can still help to monitor frogs and toads in your area, but without spending staff time.
- 6) Distribute FrogWatch USA materials at an information kiosk or booth. How about near an Amphibian display?

For more information, contact FrogWatch USA at either frogwatch@nwf.org or call Melinda Hughes-Wert, NWF's volunteer manager at 703-438-6198. Program information can also be found at www.nwf.org/frogwatchusa.