

# Nature at Night

(SPRING AND SUMMER 2015)

## Basic Schedule

7:30-8:00pm - Campfire Social

8:00-9:00pm - Inside Projects and Lessons

9:00-10:00pm - Night Walk or Outside Activity

## Night Program Themes: (choose one)

### **Amphibian Night** - Frogs, Toads, Salamanders and Their Conservation

- **Enjoy 'smores and other campfire treats!**

- **Amphibian Conservation and Frog Sounds Lesson** - *What are amphibians and what contributes to amphibian decline?* Learn our most common frog species as we watch video footage of their breeding calls at night. Investigate some amphibians with live specimens showing various life stages. Learn about some of the exciting amphibian adaptations that herpetologists are studying, demonstrating why they are so important to protect.

- **Conservation Project** - *How can I help amphibians?* First learn to be a citizen scientist, collecting and submitting data that will show conservationists which species need protective action. Then, learn about amphibian habitats and start to create your own. We'll start a garden by planting seeds to take home and learn other easy ways we can improve wildlife habitat.

- **Night Amphibian Walk** - With headlamps and flashlights, we'll wander past our wettest habitats where amphibians are most likely to be singing at night. We'll listen for frogs, insects and other nocturnal animals.

### **Insect Night** - Focuses on Insects and Pollinator Conservation

- **Enjoy 'smores and other campfire treats!**

- **Pollinator Conservation Lesson** - Learn what a pollinator is and why we need them. Explore ways to help them survive in your neighborhood. Look at mounted pollinator collection.

- **Make Insect Hotels and Plant Native Plants** - This simple conservation device gives a home for hibernating critters after the leaves have been raked. Native plants are food for insects like beautiful PA moths and butterflies. Plant some for your yard, porch, church or school.

- **Insect Sounds Lesson** - Listen and watch samples of common York County insects that make sounds at night. Explore why and how they make sounds. Look at live crickets.

- **Nighttime Insect Search** - With flashlights and headlamps, explore the garden and woodland trail for nighttime crickets, moths, and fireflies. We'll look and listen for nocturnal critters.

Evening programs  
for civic groups with  
participants ages 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
through adult.

Group Size: 20-25 people

Fee: \$15/participant (children and adults)

How to register: Contact Kelsey for available  
Friday evening dates in May, July, or August.

Send your information to

[kafrey@yorkcountypa.gov](mailto:kafrey@yorkcountypa.gov). Available dates will  
fill on a first come first served basis.

Payment is due within two weeks  
of registering.

