

Amphibian Egg Mass Survey Position Description

Reports to: Biological Science Technician

What:

Surveying for four different species of amphibian egg masses in our wetlands. This volunteer opportunity requires mobility and being comfortable walking through water in waders (provided). No prior field training or experience is necessary.

When:

Surveys will take place twice a week starting in February and go through March. *To participate in the surveys, volunteers must attend one of three trainings* put on by our partners at Metro, The Wetlands Conservancy, or Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District. All trainings contain the same information. IMPORTANT NOTE: All trainings will be held offsite, NOT at the refuge. See individual links for specific training locations.

The links to register to each training are posted below.

Metro 1/18/2020 9-11:30 in Portland

<https://metrovolunteer.wufoo.com/forms/zep1bee0nnx6ea/>

Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District 2/1/2020 9am-12pm in Beaverton

<https://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?AP=1425132925&OR=1>

The Wetlands Conservancy (held at Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District) 1/25/2020 9:30am-12pm in Hillsboro

https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/GVEN6WBmD5iZ9LTXVrdKtQ

Survey schedule will be released after the trainings have finished. Both weekday and weekend slots will be available, as well as the opportunity to volunteer with our partners at their survey locations.

Why:

Amphibians are an important part of the refuge and are a great indicator species. Because they are so sensitive to changes, studying amphibian populations can help us determine the health of our wetlands. Tualatin River NWR has collaborated with Metro, the Wetlands Conservancy, Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District and Clean Water Services for the past three years to ensure our efforts tell a story about amphibians across the greater Portland/Washington County area. Come be a part of this long-term, regional effort!

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