

K-16: Special Notice: The CRCST Fall Conference will be held October 13, 2007

The date of the CRCST Fall Conference has been changed to Sat. Oct. 13, and the committee is looking for outstanding teachers to share an outstanding classroom lesson or practice with other teachers of science! Perhaps you know of someone who does great science stuff in your building or district. Encourage them to throw their hat in the ring and send in the proposal. Proposals are due by May 15, 2007.

For the proposal form and/or more information, please contact:

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K-12: Bring your ideas and your enthusiasm and help Northeastern Ohio “leap” into action for amphibians!

<http://www.clemet zoo.com/survey/amphibian/>

A third of the world’s 6,000 amphibian species are threatened with extinction. The status of many more is unknown but believed to be imperiled, bringing the percentage of threatened species potentially as high as 50%. The global amphibian crisis is affecting our world in countless ways and is considered to be the greatest species conservation challenge in the history of humanity. With this information the World Conservation Union (IUCN) and its Amphibian Specialist Group have created a global conservation campaign- The Amphibian Ark (www.cbsg.org/amphibian.php) and designated 2008 as “The Year of the Frog” in an effort to bring attention to the amphibian conservation movement.

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo would like to help make the most out of this awareness campaign by organizing local partners in northeast Ohio who are involved and interested in amphibian conservation. Our aim is to coordinate a regional awareness effort which will advertise the exciting amphibian conservation efforts in northeastern Ohio in 2008, “The Year of the Frog”, educate the regional community about the plight of amphibians and promote regional amphibian conservation.

We would like to invite you and/or other representatives from your organization, group, or institution to participate in an informal information sharing meeting that will help us all come together in our efforts to conserve amphibians. This meeting will be a great opportunity for us to exchange ideas about our current and potential amphibian conservation programming, share marketing and awareness strategies, and identify ways for us to work together to promote amphibian conservation regionally.

We are also conducting a brief survey intended to collect information that will be shared with all participants and help to facilitate discussion and collaboration at the meeting. A copy of the survey can be found at the URL above; this version can be completed and submitted electronically. Please complete and return/submit a survey by May 11th, 2007.

The meeting will be held on Friday May 18th, 2007 from 10 am- 2pm at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

A pizza lunch, refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Please RSVP by May 11th, 2007 to Becky Meade at rrm@clevelandmetroparks.com or 216-661-6500 x4029.