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**Become a Community Scientist and Make an Impact**

GENEVA, IL — Community science, or citizen science, is research conducted by members of the general public — people just like you! Community scientists learn more about the world around them while having a real impact on local land management decisions and global-scale ecological solutions.

We support a number of local community science efforts by conducting training programs to get you started collecting and submitting real-world data to conservation organizations. Whether you're interested in surveying calling frogs or monitoring mushrooms, there's a spot for you!

Community Science Series Schedule:

Calling Frog Survey

Learn to identify and report on the unique calls of the 13 species of frogs and toads that occur in the Chicago region. After attending one educational meeting, you'll listen for frogs on three separate evenings in the spring, each lasting for one to two hours. Join us at the Kane County training session to get started on your adventure! Ages 16 and above. Register at: <https://frogsurvey.org/?pageid=23>

Thursday, Feb. 8; 6-9 p.m.

Virtual on Zoom

FREE

### Mushroom Monitor Training

Are you fascinated by fungi? Do you like to walk in the woods? If so, why not become a mushroom monitor in a Kane County forest preserve of your choice! No experience is needed, just a desire to learn, observe and collect/report data. During this monitor training session, you'll learn the basics of mushroom anatomy, ecology and identification as well as procedures for conducting a monitoring visit. Monitoring sites will be assigned to volunteers at the end of the training session. Ages 18 and above.

Saturday, March 16; 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Creek Bend Nature Center

LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve

37W700 Dean St., St. Charles

FREE

Advance registration is required for these free programs. To register for Calling Frog Survey, visit <https://frogsurvey.org/?pageid=23>. To register for Mushroom Monitoring, visit [www.kaneforest.com/register](http://www.kaneforest.com/register), call 630-444-3190 or email [programs@kaneforest.com](mailto:programs@kaneforest.com).

To view a full roster of Forest Preserve District of Kane County programs, visit [www.kaneforest.com](http://www.kaneforest.com) and find us on social media by searching @forestpreserve.