



# FROG WATCH MONITOR

Photo: Andrew DuBois

## PROGRAM COORDINATOR

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## SUMMARY OF POSITION

Volunteers assist the Natural Resources Team in identifying and monitoring the breeding locations of frog species. The data collected will be used to help manage wetland habitats on JCOS properties. The information will also be sent to the Association of Zoos and Aquariums FrogWatch USA™ national database on breeding frogs in order to help develop practical strategies for amphibian conservation efforts.

## DUTIES

- Monitors a single breeding location to determine species presence and call intensity
- Records observations and returns data sheets to the coordinator
- Report volunteer service hours regularly through the online reporting system, Offero

## REQUIREMENTS

- Attend New JCOS Volunteer Orientation and program training sessions
- Ability to correctly fill out data sheets and follow strict monitoring protocol standards
- Bring appropriate clothing and gear and be prepared to be outdoors for an extended period
- Volunteers must abide by the JCOS Park Regulations and established volunteer policies and procedures outlined in the JCOS Volunteer Handbook
- Volunteers must be able to monitor a site once a week during the breeding season, usually between March and July. Monitoring must be performed at least 30 minutes after sunset. Each shift takes five minutes, not including travel time to site.

## BENEFITS

- Develop an understanding of the importance amphibians play in ecosystem monitoring and resource management
- Aid the Association of Zoos and Aquariums in a nationwide amphibian study
- Explore the JCOS Park System

## NEXT STEPS

### 1. Create an Account and Submit an Application by February 22, 2024

Applications are available online at: <https://offeror.jeffco.us>

### 2. Attend an Interview

All prospective volunteers will be interviewed. Once you submit your application, you will be contacted to arrange for your interview.

### Attend a New Volunteer Orientation

All new volunteers are required to attend a JCOS New Volunteer Orientation at JCOS Headquarters to become familiar with the entire JCOS system prior to specific program training. You must pre-register for orientation on Offero <https://offeror.jeffco.us>  
You need attend only one of the following:

**Thursday, March 14, 5:30–7:00 P.M.**

**Saturday, March 16, 8:30–10:00 A.M.**

**Thursday, March 21, 5:30–7:00 P.M.**

### 3. Attend Program Specific Training

JCOS staff will provide classroom training. This includes training in observation techniques, forms and data sheets, species identification, common behaviors, and discussion and assignment of monitoring site locations. Volunteers will have the option to become a FrogWatch USA™ certified volunteer by successfully passing (80% or higher) a program assessment and frog call test.

**Training date coming soon!**

### 4. Start volunteering!

