



Things Scouts Can Do To Help Amphibians!

- **Sign up to be A Friend of the Frogs** Join with others around the world who share your interest in amphibians and a concern for their future. <http://www.yearofthefrog.org/>
Your name will be added to the growing list of people who want to be kept informed and who are willing to lend a hand to save amphibians from extinction.
- **Learn more about amphibians** Knowledge is power. Check out our recommended list of books, articles and websites that contain essential information for the amphibian enthusiast.
<http://houstonfrogsite.schipul.net/bibliography/>
- **Landscape for wildlife** Create habitats for local amphibians. Build a frog pond or create a few toad abodes in your own backyard. Visit the Houston Zoo website for information and links on how:
<http://houstonfrogsite.schipul.net/landscape/>
- **Conserve water in your home.** Keep rivers, streams and ponds clean. Encourage your family, friends and neighbors to use natural fertilizers on their lawn and avoid using products which contain Atroazine. Refrain from putting pesticides on your lawn and plants. By using fresh water wisely and reducing levels of pollution in amphibian habitats, we ensure them a much brighter future.
- **Volunteer to study native frogs, toads, salamanders and newts.** A number of states and organizations have programs to survey and monitor amphibian populations. In most cases, these programs rely on volunteers like yourself. **Begin volunteering today!** <http://houstonfrogsite.schipul.net/volunteer/>
Sign up for our Amphibian Monitoring Workshop on June 27th, 2008 at the Houston Zoo
Contact Rachel Rommel, rrommel@houstonzoo.org to RSVP.
- **Raise Funds** Make a donation to the Houston Zoo's amphibian conservation efforts. The Houston Zoo is involved in two very worthwhile and ambitious amphibian conservation efforts, one aimed at restoring the critically endangered Houston toad to former habitats here in Texas and the other focused on rescuing dozens of threatened amphibian species in the montane tropical forests of Panama. Check out the following web pages for more information about the projects and how to make a donation. The fund raising opportunities are limitless from bake sales, raffles to car washes.
- **Recycle Cell Phones** Collect old cell phones and donate them to the Houston Zoo. Sending your unwanted cell phones to the Houston Zoo will help provide funds that will benefit the zoos amphibian conservation programs. The Houston Zoo works with recycling organizations that will accept these products and return funds to the zoo for the parts they are able to re-use.
- **Spread the Word** Enthusiasm is contagious and every time you tell a friend about what you are personally doing to help save amphibians they are sure to follow your lead!
- **Visit the Amphibians at the Houston Zoo** Just like all of the amazing animals residing at the Zoo, amphibians on exhibit serve as ambassadors for their wild counterparts. By visiting and observing these animals in our Reptile House you have the opportunity to appreciate these fascinating and colorful animals up close and personal and thereby want to protect them in the wild.

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