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'Tis the Stonefly Season: Calling all Winter "Bug" Searchers!

You are invited to join this special, winter, citizen-science event to track Stoneflies in your Rouge River.

Join the "Stonefly Refresher" course on Thursday, January 12, 2023 from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, via Zoom and learn about these special benthic macroinvertebrates that are sensitive to pollution, and how you can prepare to search! This class is open to all with registration, regardless of whether you plan to attend the Stonefly Search.

Then, bundle up and **join the Winter Stonefly Search in person, on Saturday, January 21, 2023 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm!** Preregistration is required via the link below.

Snowing, skiing, and stonefly searching - the most popular winter sports!

Register for the Intro Class or Search

TEAM LEADER TRAINING

If you have attended a Bug Hunt or Stonefly Search or have some experience with benthic macroinvertebrate sampling, take the next step and become a Team Leader. Team Leaders are provided with training and guidance and are asked to be available to lead a team during the spring and fall bug hunts and winter stonefly searches.

Currently, training is being offered in a hybrid format.

Part I – Virtual Training (recorded from March 29 training)

PART I TRAINING

Part II – Field Training, waders required (we can supply) – TBD

Identification Video – please review before field training

IDENTIFICATION VIDEO

Veteran Team Leaders

Due to recent updates from the statewide monitoring agency, MiCorps, all Team Leaders must be recertified to lead a team starting October 2021. To recertify, view both videos below and attend field training.

<https://youtu.be/H7ApqP05JyE>

<https://youtu.be/Nf93n3wP9os>

Rouge River Watershed Frog & Toad Survey

Frog & Toad Survey Training

Training is offered every spring for those who would like to commit to surveying wetlands twice a month March through July and record what species of frogs and toads are calling. Information and materials are provided at the annual trainings.

2023 Training Workshops

Live online training is offered in two parts via Zoom. Sign up below.

Part 1: Sat. Feb. 11 10-11:30 am

Introduction to Rouge Wetlands, Frogs & Toads and Their Calls

[REGISTER FOR TRAINING PART I](#)

Part II: Sat. Feb. 25 10-11:30 am

Survey Instructions

[REGISTER FOR TRAINING PART II](#)





Become a Master Rain Gardener

Protect your home against flooding & help bees, birds, & butterflies with a RAIN garden! Partners across southeast Michigan are pleased to announce details for the 2023 Master Rain Gardener course. Space is limited; register today!

Can't wait? You can always take the free, self-paced version of the class instead!

FREE SELF-PACED

REGISTER NOW

***Do you live in the following communities?** You could qualify for **FREE** registration to the winter Master Rain Gardener course funded by the EPA-Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant: Protecting Lake Erie Marsh and Waters. Please **email Jill Martin** to see if you qualify and to get the registration link!

Qualifying Zip Codes: Detroit (48209, 48217), Ecorse (48229), Inkster (48141), Lincoln Park (48146), Melvindale (48122), River Rouge (48218), Riverview (48193), Romulus (48174), Taylor (48180)