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Emerald View Park BioBlitz

Friday & Saturday, June 6-7, 2014

In partnership with the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, the Mount Washington Community Development Corporation is holding a BioBlitz in Emerald View Park, Pittsburgh's newest Regional Park located in Mount Washington, Duquesne Heights, and Allentown.

The BioBlitz will bring together scientists, students, and community members of all ages to:

- Conduct a biological inventory and produce a "snapshot" of *as many living things as we can find* in Emerald View Park.
- Engage in hands-on science education.
- Promote Emerald View Park and connect people to our urban natural spaces.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: We need your help!

In order to identify as many species as possible, we need lots of hands and minds!

Scientists of any expertise, Citizen Scientists of any ability who want to learn and assist, Support Volunteers to help with registration and food.

Please fill out the attached Volunteer Participation Form or sign up online at www.mwcdc.org/bioblitz-volunteer-sign-up

What is a BioBlitz?

"Bio" means 'life' and "blitz" means 'to do something quickly and intensively'.

A BioBlitz is a day-long event in which teams of volunteer scientists, families, students, teachers, and other community members work together in a specific place to find and identify as many species of plants, animals, microbes, fungi, and other organisms as possible.

BioBlitz events are held around the globe, with the term being coined in the US at the first BioBlitz in 1996.

**For more information,
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Emerald View Park BioBlitz 2014—Volunteer Information

Date & Time:

Friday, June 6 (Owl Hike, 9 pm)

Friday, June 6 (Nocturnal collections, time tbd)

Saturday, June 7 (Bird Count, 6-10 am)

Saturday, June 7 (Plant & Animal surveys, Public participation, 10 am-2pm)

Location:

Emerald View Park, Olympia entrance, Virginia Ave. & Hallock Street

Contact:

Kathryn Hunninen, MWCDC, 412-481-3220 x200, 412-657-3971 (cell)

What to expect:

During the BioBlitz, scientists, experienced and novice naturalists, and interested community members of any ability will work together to conduct the inventory. *Education is one of the primary goals of the event.* Specialists will be broken into teams, with interested members of the public to assist with collection, sorting, and identification, where appropriate. Organizers will help to orient teams with maps of the area and some teams will go out into the field, while some will work at the home base. Several hands-on educational activities for the public will also take place on Saturday from 10-2. Food and drinks will be provided for volunteers. Portable restrooms will be available at the home base.

What to bring:

Water bottle, sturdy shoes (boots or *closed-toed* walking shoes), raincoat

Inclement weather:

This event will be held rain or shine, with tents and a picnic shelter provided at the main home base. In the event of probable extreme weather, please stay tuned for communication from event organizers 12-24 hours before the event.



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Volunteer Participation Form

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

(Optional) Affiliation: _____

When would you like to volunteer? Please circle or place an "x" next to all possibilities.

1. Friday, June 6, Night Hike/Owl Calling (9:00 pm)
2. Friday, June 6, Set up night traps (Time TBD)
3. Saturday, June 7, Bird Count (6 am-10 am)
4. Saturday, June 7, Set-up, Begin surveys (6 am-10 am)
5. Saturday, June 7, Surveys, Public Involvement (10 am-2 pm)
6. Saturday, June 7, Tear-down, Wrap up surveys (2 pm-4 pm)

Please check all categories in which you are willing to help:

- Support Volunteer (set-up, tear-down, registration table)
- Field Data Entry (assist with entering species into database)
- Taxa Team Lead- with expertise in: (experienced)
- Taxa Team Participant- with expertise in: (experienced)
- Citizen Scientist - with interest in: (no experience necessary to work alongside scientists)

Equipment You Can Bring (and space needs):

Equipment You Need Provided:

Additional Comments/Needs/Questions:

Please return this form to Kathryn Hunninen via:

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Or call: 412-481-3220 x200 for more information.