

Southern Appalachian Naturalist Certification Program

Reptiles and Amphibians

Friday

- 3:00-5:00 Check-in
6:00 Dinner
6:45 Welcome and Introductions
7:30 Naturalist Skills – observation
Herpetology overview
-Species profile – assignments

Saturday

- 8:00 Breakfast and pack sack lunch
9:00 Low elevation habitats – salamander survey @ Loan Branch (1500')
[species profile presentations]
10:30 – 4:30 Mid elevation habitats – Cove Hardwood Nature Trail (2700-3000')
-Herp identification at mid-elevation forest
-Connection of species to habitat/elevation
-Use of various keys and field guides
-Developing comfort with subject

6:00 Supper
6:30 Reptile and amphibian overview continued (if needed)
7:30 Herping in Cades Cove

-Work on species profiles – *two minute presentations*

Sunday

- 8:00 Breakfast
8:45-11:00 Herp search around Tremont
two minute species profiles presentations
11:45 Assessment of learning (before lunch if time)
12:30 Lunch
1:00 Wrap-up and evaluations
1:30 Optional *Crotalus* Hike (*short but steep climbing & heights – sign-up – limited to 10 people*)

Note: Depending on timing and weather, some of the sessions may be switched.

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