

February 25, 2015
DRAFT Agenda
MBSS Spring Training – Howard Co. Conservancy – Gudelsky Center

- 7:30 **Registration and Breakfast (continental breakfast provided)**
- 9:00 MBSS Program orientation/what's new with the MBSS?
- 9:15 Landowner issues/trespassing
- 9:30 Benthic macroinvertebrate sampling*
- 10:15 Water sampling
- 10:30 **Break**
- 10:45 Habitat
- 11:10 Facies mapping
- 11:20 Vernal pools
- 11:40 Decontamination
- 12:00 **Lunch (on your own)**
- 12:45 Benthic macroinvertebrate sampling demonstration* and physical habitat assessment demonstration
(at stream)
- Benthic Group 1:
Benthic Group 2:
Habitat Group 1:
Habitat Group 2:
Decontamination station near stream:
- 1:30 Benthic macroinvertebrate sampling written exam*
- 2:30 Frog call test (optional) and review
- 3:00 **Adjourn**

*Required for Benthic Macroinvertebrate Sampling Certification. A field QC site visit is also required to complete this certification.

We are again offering an **optional** frog call test during MBSS spring training. Participants who pass the test will be certified to report frog presence at sampled sites on data sheets based on hearing the frog call. A passing grade is 18 out of 20 correct or 90%. There are 20 species of frogs found in Maryland whose calls are likely to be on the test:

Eastern Narrowmouthed Toad, Eastern Spadefoot, Eastern American Toad, Fowler's Toad, Carpenter Frog, American Bullfrog, Wood Frog, Northern Green Frog, Pickerel Frog, Southern Leopard Frog, Northern Leopard Frog, Eastern Cricket Frog, Northern Spring Peeper, Gray Treefrog, Cope's Gray Treefrog, Mountain Chorus Frog, Upland Chorus Frog, New Jersey Chorus Frog, Green Treefrog, and Barking Treefrog.