

*Southern Appalachian
Naturalist Certification Program*

Reptiles and Amphibians

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

Wednesday

- 3:00-5:00 Check-in
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Welcome and Introductions *in friendship circle 7:30 Social?*
- 8:00 Reptiles and Amphibians overview PowerPoint – Science Room
Species profiles – assignments - two minute species profiles presentations
- 9:00 Twilight Herp walk at Tremont
 Work on species profiles – *two minute presentations*

Thursday

- 8:00 Breakfast and pack sack lunch
- 8:30 Field identification around Walker Valley, handling techniques, hands-on
identification using dichotomous keys
- 9:30 – 3:30 Herps around the park (all day trip to high country)
Herp identification in different park habitats
Connection of species to habitat/elevation
Use of various keys and field guides
Developing comfort with subject
- 4:00 Reptile presentation – Steve McGaffin – Knoxville Zoo – Cove Room
Work on species profiles – *two minute presentations*
- 6:00 Supper
- 6:30 Reptile and amphibian overview continued
two minute species profiles presentations
- 9:00 optional Herp night-walk

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Friday

8:00 Breakfast

9:00-12:30 Research methods – Team pigpen
Herp search around Tremont
two minute species profiles presentations

12:30 Lunch

1:00 Assessment of learning (before lunch if time)
Wrap-up and evaluations

2:00 Optional Crotalus Hike (short but steep climbing & heights)

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

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