

Be a Friend to Frogs...and Toads and Salamanders, too!
Top 8 things you can do in 2008 to help amphibians.

- **Look, listen and learn.** With almost 6,000 frogs, toads, newts, salamanders, and caecilians worldwide, there's a lot to learn. Pick up a book, hop around the Internet, or watch your favorite animal television show to educate yourself and your family about amphibians.
- **Visit an Association of Zoos and Aquariums accredited zoo or aquarium near you and experience your very own amphibian adventure!** Zoos and aquariums are some of the best places to see and learn about amphibians, especially species that are found in other climates and countries, like South America, Africa, and Asia. Look for the AZA logo whenever you visit a zoo or aquarium as your assurance that you are supporting a facility dedicated to providing excellent care for animals, a great experience for you and a better future for all living things.
- **Create amphibian friendly environments by providing insects to eat, clean water, and hiding places.** Prime amphibian real estate includes leaf litter, rocks, logs, and a source of water - backyard ponds make a great family project!
- **Don't pollute.** Do your part to keep garbage, chemicals, and non-native plants and animals out of the natural environment. Amphibians absorb chemicals through their skins easily and are sensitive to competition and becoming prey to non-native species.
- **Be a responsible pet owner.** Discourage your canine and feline family members from pestering wildlife, especially amphibians and birds. Curious cats and digging dogs cause a lot of stress for frightened amphibians.
- **Conserve water at home, school and work.** The water you save now remains a clean habitat for wild amphibians without being chemically treated. For example, save water by using collected rainwater for watering gardens and potted plants.
- **Reduce fossil fuel use.** We know that climate change is impacting amphibian populations worldwide, and reducing fossil fuel use will help us slow the rate of climate change.
- **Be an amphibian champion.** Donate to wildlife conservation programs. Participate in citizen-science monitoring programs with your family. Be aware of your legislators' voting practices and all legislation affecting wildlife and their habitat, global warming, and land use/development issues.

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