

2007 Connecticut State BioBlitz
Wilbert Snow School – 299 Wadsworth Street
Middletown, Connecticut

Schedule of Events
Saturday, June 9th, 10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
<http://web.uconn.edu/mnh/bioblitz/BioBlitz2007.html>

Welcome to Base Camp!
Wilbert Snow School

Main Tent, Main Hall, and Rooms 214 – 234

BioBlitz Exhibitors

10 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Experience an exciting array of information, resources, and activities presented by over 30 organizations.

Driveway

Connecticut BioBus

10 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

The BioBus, a 40-foot, custom-designed mobile laboratory, presents hands-on experiences in the life sciences above and beyond the normal classroom curriculum.

Cafeteria, Library, and Hallways

Middletown Public Schools

Poster Displays and Mini BioBlitz Awards

10 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.; 11:00 a.m. awards program

Student posters will be displayed all day. The poster awards and Mini BioBlitz awards presentation will be made at 11:00 a.m. in the school library.

Gymnasium

BioBlitz Central Guided Walks

& Scientist Base Camp

11:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

20-minute guided walks showcase an assortment of BioBlitz activities that includes observing the BioBlitz scientists in action. Led by the teachers in the Teacher Scientist Program.

Main Tent

BioBlitz Closing Ceremony

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Final tally of species and BioBlitz highlights.

Scientist Walks and Talks

Courtyard (behind the school)

Scientist Walks

Bird Walks 11:30 and 1:30

Reptiles & Amphibians 10:30 and 12:30

Wildflowers of Middletown 10:00

Middletown's Trees 11:00 and 1:00

Under Invasion: Pernicious Plants 12:00

Pond Walk 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, and 2:00

Insect Safaris (K-5th graders +family)
10:30, 11:30, 12:30, and 1:30

Insect Safaris (6th graders through adults)
10:00, 11:00, 1:00, and 2:00

Courtyard

Scientist Patio Talks

10:00 **Bugs, Butterflies, Beetles, and More**

10:20 **The Trees and Farmers of the
Miniature World: Mosses and Lichens**

10:40 **Connecticut's Amazing Fungi**

11:00 **Bats**

11:20 **Legions of the Night: Moths**

11:40 **Caterpillars**

12:00 **Reptiles and Amphibians of
Connecticut River Valley**

12:20 **Ticks, Mites, and Lyme Disease**

12:40 **Frog Love**

1:00 **Salamandering Connecticut**

1:20 **Connecticut's Mammals**

1:40 **Crickets and Katydid**

2:00 **Everything You Always Wanted to
Know About Spiders**

2:20 **Rattlesnakes and Copperheads**

2:40 **Edible and Dangerous Mushrooms**

Special Programs:

Snow School Auditorium & Auditorium Lobby

Authors Lecture & Book Signing

Attend the brief lectures and slide shows, meet and talk with the authors, buy their recent books, and get their autographs. **Broad Street Books** and the **DEP Bookstore** will be selling books. Books titles only available by cash or check.

10:30 **Connecticut Amphibians**
John Himmelman, famous Connecticut author and naturalist. John has authored numerous children's and popular books on animal life

10:45 **The Butterfly Atlas and Connecticut's Butterflies** Jane O'Donnell, UConn biologist, museum curator, and senior author on atlas

11:00 **Connecticut's Butterflies Redux: Whither the Future?** Lawrence Gall, Yale Peabody Museum, atlas author, and noted conservationist

11:15 **Wildflower Communities of Middlesex County** Ken Metzler, Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, Connecticut State botanist

Snow School Auditorium

Environmental Education Forum

11:30 **Environmental Education and In-place Learning in Connecticut**

David Wagner, Award-Winning Author and UConn Biologist

John Hennelly, Assistant Superintendent, Middletown Public Schools

11:45 **Sparking Children's Interest in Science**
Dr. Ted Sergi,
CEO, Connecticut Science Center

12:00 **No Child Left Inside**
Commissioner Gina McCarthy,
Connecticut Department of
Environmental Protection

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Environmental Education Forum continued

12:30 **Nature Deficit Disorder and the Extinction of Experience**
Robert Pyle, Prolific Author and World-Renowned Conservation Biologist

1:00 **Science Forum Panel Discussion**
John Settlege, Neag School of Education, UConn
Liz Buttner, CT Department of Education
Science Consultant

Mary Ann Butler, CT Department of Education
Science Consultant
Carmen Cid, Dean- School of Arts and Sciences,
Eastern Connecticut State University

David Moss, Neag School of Education, UConn
John Hennelly, Assistant Superintendent
Middletown Schools

Wadsworth Mansion (overflow parking lot behind building)
Mattabesock Audubon Walks

10:00 **Bird Survey:** Learn how scientists census birds. Bring binoculars.

11:00 **Focus on Frogs:** Discover the world under the waters of a woodland pool. Be prepared to get wet.

12:00 **Stream Discovery Walk:** Discover the little known natural history of stream invertebrates. Wear water shoes (no Tevas or other sandal type shoes). Old sneakers are fine!

2:00 **Under Invasion:** Meet members of CT's "Top 10" invasive species. Learn their success stories and why they present such a problem to their environs.

Snow School Amphitheater

Connecticut Forest and Parks Association

Forest Ecology Scavenger Hunt

1:00 p.m. & 1:30 p.m.

What's hiding in the forest? Don your detective caps and explore the woodland for nature's treasures.

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