

Greetings,

The Graduate Evolution Ecology Student (GEES) organization cordially invites EEOB graduate students, faculty and staff, and local community volunteers to this outreach project and fundraiser!

The GEES organization is co-sponsoring a BioBlitz with Keep Wayne Wild, a conservation organization that is invested in preserving the biodiversity of the Wayne National Forest (WNF), Ohio's only National Park. The BioBlitz will take place on April 14th at the Lamping Homestead Recreation area at 36998 Clearfork Rd, Graysville, Ohio 45734. See below for map and directions.

The aim of the 2018 GEES co-sponsored BioBlitz is to provide taxonomic information on the local flora and fauna of the Marietta unit to Keep Wayne Wild, which will aid their efforts of documenting the current state of biological diversity within the forest.

The participation of GEES in this service project will provide EEOB graduate students the opportunity to engage in an organized public outreach endeavor. Participation in service projects, like a BioBlitz, has the added benefit of fostering a sense of community among a diverse group of individuals by uniting their interests towards a common goal. The BioBlitz at WNF provides such a goal, one that unites individuals across several fields of study within the EEOB department.

The BioBlitz also provides GEES a fundraising opportunity. Money will be raised through the solicitation of pledges from individuals. Pledges can be a set dollar amount or a promise to donate a certain amount for each species that is documented during the BioBlitz. The funds that are raised during this event will be used by GEES to fund future outreach efforts, service projects, and social events. We will also be selling special throwback edition 2018 BioBlitz T-shirts to help offset the cost of the BioBlitz and to raise funds for our spring and fall camping trips.

Forms for ordering T-shirts and for making pledges are attached to this invitation. If you would like to order a BioBlitz T-shirt or make a pledge, please fill out the appropriate form and either email it to me at (honer.4@osu.edu) or deliver to my mailbox in the fourth floor mailroom of Aronoff. All donations are tax deductible. We are asking for pledges based on the number of species that we find during the BioBlitz. For example, if you pledge 25 cents per species found on the day of the BioBlitz and 100 species were documented then you would donate \$25.00. We highly recommend that you cap your donation at a specified amount. Alternatively, you may pledge a set dollar amount. **Please submit any T-shirt order forms no later than April 6th. Pledge forms must be submitted by April 13th.**

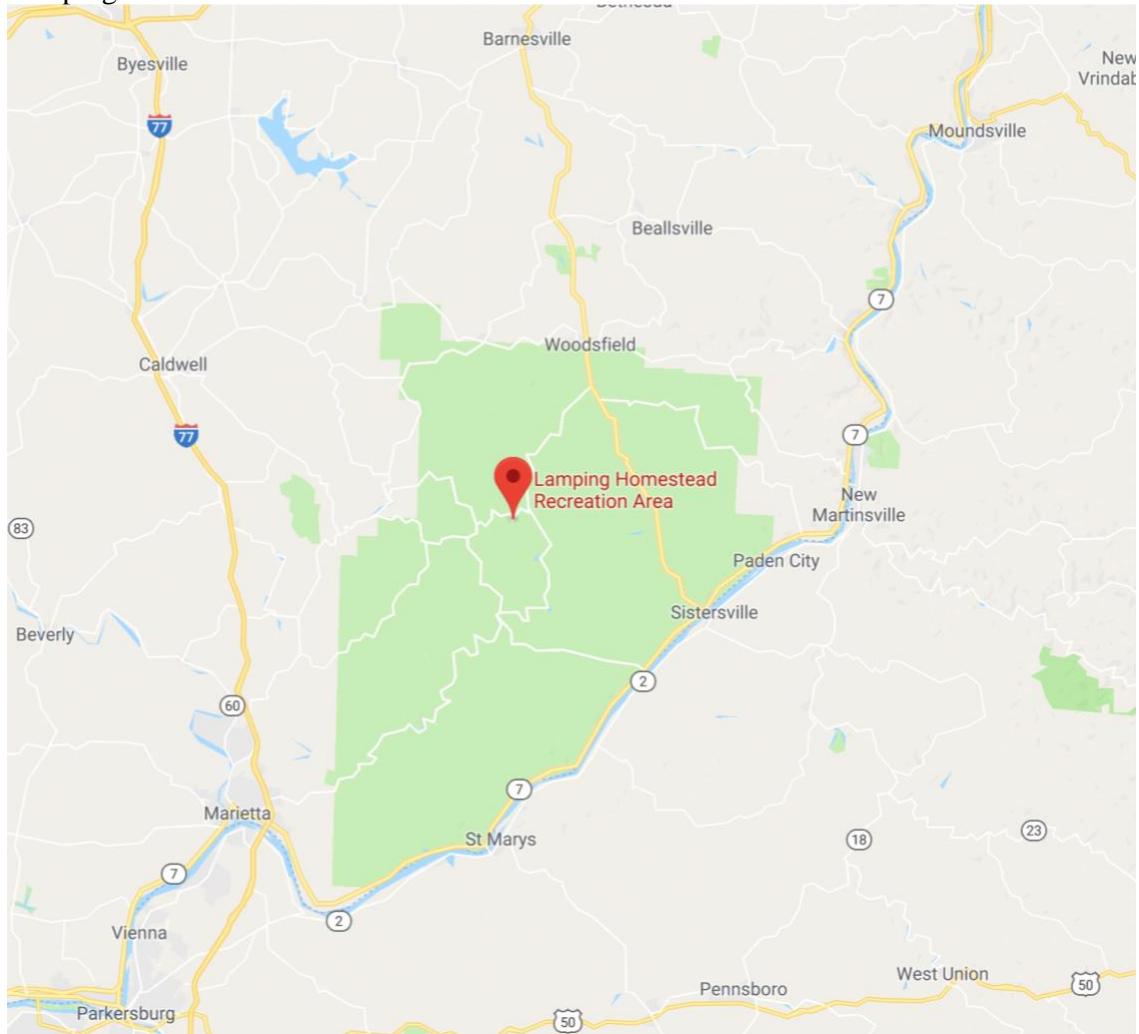
The BioBlitz starts at 9 a.m. (or 7 a.m. if you want to get in on some good birding). See the attached flyer for more details!

Sincerely,

Naava Honer, Fundraising Chair, on behalf of
the Graduate Evolution and Ecology Student Organization, GEES



Lamping Homestead Recreation Area



Directions: This campground is located on S.R. 537, 2 miles from S.R. 26 (approximately 35 miles from Marietta). GPS Lat/Long coordinates for the area are 39 deg 37' 32" / 81 deg 11' 16".

Address: 36998 Clearfork Rd, Graysville, OH 45734

GEES 2018 BIOBLITZ T-Shirt Order Form

Help support the Graduate Evolution and Ecology Student organization raise money to defer the cost of the 2018 BioBlitz at Wayne National Forest and to fund our spring and fall camping trips. Please email order form to Naava at honer.4@osu.edu or leave in her mailbox on the fourth floor of Aronoff. **Order forms are due by April 6th.**



Size	Quantity	@ \$25.00/each	=	Total
XS			=	
S			=	
M			=	
L			=	
XL			=	
2XL			=	
3XL			=	
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Name: _____ Email: _____

GEES accepts **cash** or **check donations**. Please make checks payable to GEES.



Graduate **Evolution & Ecology** Students

2018 GEES BioBlitz Fundraiser Pledge Form

The Graduate Evolution Ecology Student (GEES) organization is co-sponsoring a BioBlitz with Keep Wayne Wild, a conservation organization invested in preserving the biodiversity of the Wayne National Forest. The BioBlitz will take place April 14th in the Marietta unit of Wayne National Forest.

The aim of the 2018 GEES co-sponsored BioBlitz is to provide taxonomic information on the local flora and fauna of the Marietta unit, which will aid Keep Wayne Wild in their efforts of documenting the current state of biological diversity within the forest. The funds that are raised from this fundraiser will be used by GEES to fund future outreach efforts, service projects, and social events.

We are asking for pledges based on the number of species that are found during the BioBlitz. For example, if you pledge 25 cents per species found on the day of the BioBlitz and 100 species were documented then you would donate \$25.00. **We highly recommend that you designate a cap to your donation.** On the day of the BioBlitz we expect to have experts in angiosperms, birds, mammals, herps, insects, fish, and bats.

If you would like to make a pledge, please fill out the form below and return it to Naava Honer, honer.4@osu.edu or room 416 Aronoff Laboratory 318 W. 12th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210.

Name: _____

E-mail address: _____

Pledge amount per species found (ex. \$1.00/species): _____

Donation cap (ex. \$50.00 maximum): _____

After the BioBlitz is over, those who pledged will receive a letter from GEES with a summary of the species found during the BioBlitz and their calculated pledge amount. GEES accepts **cash** or **check donations**. Please make checks payable to GEES.