

2018 Hiram College Spring BioBlitz



Following is an invitation from Brad Goodner, professor of biology

In the spirit of Hiram College's new Tech and Trek initiative, you are invited to join current Hiram College students, faculty and staff in our 2018 Spring Bioblitz.

A bioblitz is an attempt to identify as many non-human organisms as possible in a defined period of time. This is not just for experts. All you need is a willingness to go on some treks, take pictures of organisms in their natural settings (no pets, agricultural animals, or cultivated plants), identify the organisms as best you can, and upload your pictures to the iNaturalist website.

What a great excuse to get out and trek, whether it be around the Hiram College campus, the James H. Barrow Field Station, somewhere else in Ohio, or wherever you are around the world. What a great way to learn about the biodiversity around you - the native animals, plants, fungi and other organisms, both big and small. What a great way to participate in a world-wide citizen science project. What a great way to celebrate the life-long learning that Hiram College has instilled in all of us.

The 2018 Hiram College Bioblitz will run from Jan. 8 - May 9. This time period corresponds to the spring semester at Hiram College.

To participate, all you need to do is:

- 1) Make yourself a free account on the iNaturalist website (inaturalist.org).
- 2) Once you have an iNaturalist account, send me an email and I will invite you to join the Hiram College Spring Bioblitz.

I hope to see you outside, even when it is chilly, learning about the life around you.

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