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## **BE IN AWE OF AMAZING AMPHIBIANS**

The park district is celebrating our frogs, toads, newts and salamanders.

School-age kids, 6 to 12, join Naturalist Dee Casteel to search for these curious creatures under rocks and logs and in ponds, **Saturday, March 22 at 2 p.m.**, and **Sunday, April 13 at 2 p.m.**, at the visitors center at F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm, 1828 Smith Rd., Akron. Participants will learn about Summit County's native species and make a take-home craft.

Then, look for life in vernal pools at the beautiful Pond Brook Conservation Area, **Saturday, March 29 at 2 p.m.**, and **Saturday, April 5 at 2 p.m.**, at Liberty Park, 3973 E. Aurora Rd., Twinsburg. Naturalist Meghan Doran will explain why Pond Brook is special and how local partners have helped protect the area. Visitors should wear boots, as they may get wet.

The programs are part of the "Year of the Frog" series ([www.forfrogs.org](http://www.forfrogs.org)), a global initiative attempting to raise awareness about the amphibian extinction crisis.

For more information, call 330-865-8065.

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Metro Parks, Serving Summit County manages more than 9,000 acres, including 13 developed parks, six conservation areas and more than 120 miles of trails, with 16 miles of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail. Annual attendance averages 4 million visitors.

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