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Free Family-friendly Amphibian Workshop

Lake George, NY – April 4, 2011 – Learn how to keep an eye out for newts, frogs, toads and other amphibians at a free workshop at the Lake George Association on Thursday, April 14, from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. David Patrick, director of the Center for Biodiversity at Paul Smith's College will be the presenter. Workshop attendees, ages 10 and older, will learn how to assist in amphibian conservation efforts.

Amphibians in the Adirondacks face a wide range of challenges. Habitat destruction, invasive species, diseases, climate change, and deaths caused by vehicles have led to declines in many of the 32 species of amphibians -- 14 frogs and toads and 18 salamanders -- found in New York State.

The Adirondack All-Taxa Biodiversity Inventory (ATBI) designed this hour-long, family-friendly workshop to show people how to monitor amphibians and their habitats. The data collected by observers will help researchers with amphibian conservation efforts.

"One of the best ways to help conserve these animals is to learn more about where they are currently found, and the types of habitats they are using," said David Patrick. "This workshop will show where you can learn more about these animals, how to identify them, where to find them, and the information that can be collected to aid in their conservation."

For more information, contact David Patrick, (518) 327-6174, dpatrick@paulsmiths.edu, or visit www.paulsmiths.edu/ATBI, or contact Emily DeBolt, LGA director of education, (518) 668-3558, edebolt@lakegeorgeassociation.org, or visit www.lakegeorgeassociation.org.

About the LGA

The LGA is a non-profit membership organization of people interested in working together to protect, conserve, and improve the beauty and quality of the Lake George Basin. It is the nation's oldest lake association. For more information, contact the LGA at (518) 668-3558 or visit the LGA website at www.lakegeorgeassociation.org.

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Cutline for attached picture: The Green Frog is one of many species that will be discussed during a free family-friendly workshop about amphibians at the Lake George Association on April 14. Photo courtesy of Emily DeBolt.

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