



Teacher Preparation

Leaping for LAND



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Get ready to leap into learning!

Students will discover why open spaces are important by learning about one of our bumpy, hopping residents – the toad!

Together, we'll uncover what makes a healthy habitat, listen for a mysterious animal call, explore how toads change throughout their lives and even transform into toads ourselves as we move through each stage of their amazing life cycle.

Students will finish by creating their own transforming toad craft to take home, while discovering how protecting open spaces gives wildlife the places they need to grow, survive and thrive.



GRADES K - 2



~55 MINUTES



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QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT



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DURING THIS PROGRAM, STUDENTS WILL...

- Explore the life cycle of a toad and how it changes as it grows
- Identify what toads need to survive, including food, water, shelter and space
- Discover how a toad's habitat needs change throughout its life cycle
- Learn how protecting open spaces helps toads and other wildlife survive



SPACE NEEDED

Students will participate in a movement activity during this program. If possible, please provide an open area where students can safely crouch, wiggle, move their arms and legs and hop in place.

We will also need a place for students to complete a small craft for them to take home. This craft includes small pieces.

BEFORE WE VISIT

Spark students' curiosity and help them start thinking about our topic generally. Example guiding discussion question: What do you think an animal needs from the place where it lives?

Please don't worry about teaching this topic beforehand. We'll introduce concepts together and encourage students to bring their own ideas, observations and questions.

KEEPING THE MYSTERY

Please help us keep a few surprises! Our programs include opportunities for students to guess, investigate and make discoveries along the way. You don't need to introduce the featured animals or key concepts ahead of time – curiosity is the only preparation students need!