



# THE ANNUAL NORWICH MIDDLE SCHOOL BIOLOGY STEAM CAMP



The Norwich Middle School is happy to offer students the opportunity to participate in a summer Biology STEAM camp held at the Hillcrest Conservation Park and Environmental Studies Center.



## Goals

- Provide students with the opportunity to experience field research in conservation biology and ecology.
- Collect and catalog live specimens at the Hillcrest Site.
- Create a sign or kiosk displaying a species list for public viewing at the entrance to the Hillcrest Conservation Park and Environmental Studies Center.

## Highlights of Summer Program 2018

- A variety of activities including: Amphibian and Turtle Surveys, Hiking, Aquatic Surveys, Trail Camera Set-up and Data Collection, Tree Identification, and Invasive Plants Identification
- Guest instructors from the community: Professor Eric Diefenbacher (SUNY Morrisville), Mr. Tim Conner (SUNY Cortland), and Ms. Marissa Nolan (Rogers Environmental Education Center)

## A Call to Action

Our continued presence at the Hillcrest Site is vitally important for school and community programs. We are challenged by a lack of funding needed for school and community programming, property maintenance (outdoor classroom and trails), equipment acquisition, and community outreach. The support of the Norwich community will be essential for us to overcome these challenges and continue to conserve this valuable resource.

## Contacts

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your time and support.

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