

*MBSS Spring Training – Harford Community College  
February 26, 2018*

*DRAFT Agenda*

- 7:30 **Registration and Breakfast (continental breakfast provided)**
- 9:00 MBSS Program orientation/what's new with the MBSS?
- 9:30 Landowner issues/trespassing
- 9:45 Benthic macroinvertebrate sampling\*
- 10:45 Water sampling
- 11:00 **Break**
- 11:15 Habitat and vernal pools
- 11:55 Decontamination
- 12:00 **Lunch (on your own)**
- 12:45 Benthic macroinvertebrate sampling demonstration\* and physical habitat assessment demonstration  
**(at stream)**
- Benthic Group 1: **Certification applicants**  
Benthic Group 2: **Regular trainees**  
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Habitat Group 2: **Regular trainees**
- Decontamination station
- 2:15 Benthic macroinvertebrate sampling written exam\*
- 3:00 Frog call test (optional) and review
- 3:30 **Adjourn**

\*Required for Benthic Macroinvertebrate Sampling Certification. A field audit (March 1 – April 30) is also required to complete this certification.

We are again offering an **optional** frog call test during MBSS spring training. There are 20 species of frogs found in Maryland whose calls are likely to be on the test:

Eastern Narrowmouthed Toad, Eastern Spadefoot, Eastern American Toad, Fowler's Toad, Carpenter Frog, American Bullfrog, Wood Frog, Northern Green Frog, Pickerel Frog, Southern Leopard Frog, Northern Leopard Frog, Eastern Cricket Frog, Northern Spring Peeper, Gray Treefrog, Cope's Gray Treefrog, Mountain Chorus Frog, Upland Chorus Frog, New Jersey Chorus Frog, Green Treefrog, and Barking Treefrog.