

2023 RI Bioblitz & NIT EPA Environmental Awareness Event
Friday, June 9 at 2PM to 2PM Saturday, June 10

The Narragansett Tribal EPA Environmental Protection Program and the Rhode Island Natural History Survey (RINHS) will partner with the Tribe to hold the 2023 RI on the Tribal Grounds. We are seeking Tribal Member and Families to come out and join the event. Please click on the link for more information about the RI Bioblitz: <https://rinhs.org/events/ri-bioblitz/>

WHAT'S A BIOBLITZ?

Volunteers, working in teams, have 24 hours to tally as many species of animals, insects, and plants as they can on a particular parcel of land. The Rhode Island BioBlitz has been held annually since 2000 by the RINHS.

WHY BIOBLITZ? Please come out and participate! All Age Welcome. Youth under 18 must be accompanied by an Adult.

- 1) To survey the species on a property for planning and conservation purposes;
- 2) The Tribe will have a preliminary inventory of the species of plant and animals residing on Tribal Lands.
- 3) Join a Bioblitz Team to increase knowledge of the biodiversity on Tribal lands. Please click on link for Team information if you want to join a Team: <https://rinhs.org/events/ri-bioblitz/bioblitz-team-page/>

You can pick your Team on the Registration link at the bottom of page.

IT EPA Environmental Awareness Event – Will be held at the Science Central Tent

- 1) To engage Tribal youth and families to increase their knowledge of the Tribe's Environmental Protection Programs and current activities.
- 2) To increase the Tribal Membership participation and assistance in the Environmental Protection Program.

PLEASE REGISTER: [REGISTER for RI BioBlitz 2023 HERE!](#) (Tribal members must register. Registration is complimentary for Tribal members.) Please scroll down and check box identifying Tribal Member on link provided above.

RI BioBlitz 2023 Timeline:

Friday, June 9:

- 10 am - Set-up begins
- 12 pm - On-site check-in opens
- 1:30pm - gather for a Land Blessing/Prayer & Welcome from Tribe and Welcome Kick Off from David Gregg
- 2 pm - The horn BLOWS and BioBlitz 2023 begins!
- 5:30 pm - Catered dinner & desert potluck (**Dinner is complimentary for Tribal members**).
- Friday night: counting, camping, fire pit, storytelling by Thawn Harris, Tribal Storyteller.

Saturday, June 10:

- 6-9 am - Continental Breakfast (campers & early arrivers)
- Thru the day - the search continues
- 10 am - 1 pm Tribal Environmental Awareness Event at Science Central
- 2 pm - The horn BLOWS and BioBlitz ends!
- 3 pm – 4pm - final tally announced