

# BioBlitz! Oklahoma, 2013

## Camp Simpson, B.S.A. Participant Guidelines

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### ***Role of Expert Biologists***

BioBlitz! could not happen without the participation of biologists from around the region who volunteer their time and expertise.

Expert Biologists fill a variety of roles at BioBlitz!.

They can: Collect/observe and inventory organisms in their taxa group

Identify and help others identify species in taxa group

Interact with Citizen Scientists

By leading group activities and supervise collecting by Citizen Scientists

By giving talks about their area of expertise

By instilling a conservation ethic regarding the collection of organisms and use of the natural area.

Because of their knowledge and expertise, Expert Biologists are allowed to:

Handle and collect vertebrate animals

Collect and preserve invertebrate animals

Collect and preserve plants and plant material

Expert Biologists are required to:

Release all vertebrate animals in the area in which they were captured. With prior permission and proper state and federal permitting, vertebrates may be kept for specimens. Please contact BioBlitz! coordinator, Priscilla Crawford, 405-255-8106, if interested in retaining specimens of vertebrates.

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### ***Role of Citizen Scientists***

BioBlitz! could not happen without the participation of Citizen Scientists from around the region who volunteer their time and enthusiasm.

Citizen Scientists can participate in a variety of ways at BioBlitz!.

They may: Conduct inventory on their own

By getting checklists of taxa at Base Camp and marking off what they see

By taking pictures of observed species and having them identified by expert biologists

Interact with Expert Biologists

By attending any of the scheduled activities

By chatting with them at Base Camp

By observing their collections at Base Camp

By getting help with identification of photographed organisms

As Citizen Scientists you are permitted during BioBlitz! to assist with the biological inventory. To protect organisms from harm and needless death, Citizen Scientists are only allowed to collect organisms when accompanied by or under the supervision of an Expert Biologist. For example, using sweep nets when on the Insect Walk or collecting invertebrates while with an aquatic biologist.

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*Lists of species should be brought to base camp and delivered to the Taxa Team Leader no later than **3:45 p.m.** on Saturday to be included in the inventory total.*