The First Dryden BioBlitz!

Have you ever wanted to know what lives in our wonderful Dryden Middle and High School natural areas? We are going to attempt to identify as many species as possible on the school property in one day. Our BioBlitz will take place on Saturday May 13th from about 6 am to 6 pm. You and your families are welcome to attend as many or as few hours as you can. We may even extend the search to include some hours at night to search for owls.

BioBlitz events have been conducted all over the world the late 1990’s. They are an attempt to identify and describe the biodiversity of a particular area in a short amount of time (no more than 24 hours). These events have been sponsored by National Geographic, Nature Conservancy, universities, and national parks.

If you love nature, put this event on your calendar and come help our effort. The event is open to teachers, students and their families, and community members who are interested in observing and identifying organisms in our woods, fields, streams, and ponds. We will be uploading our data to a website called iNaturalist to share with the larger community of scientists studying biodiversity.

For more information and to express an interest in participating, please get in touch with Carole Erslev at [cerslev1@dryden.k12.ny.us](mailto:cerslev1@dryden.k12.ny.us) or Karen Taylor at [ktaylor1@k12.dryden.k12.ny.us](mailto:ktaylor1@k12.dryden.k12.ny.us). If you have particular expertise in identifying certain kinds of organisms, please let me know.