

Volunteer Opportunity: Connecting the Public and Biologists with Dragonflies



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Volunteer opportunities are:

1. Helping with outreach/education
2. Citizen Science: Learning to identify, collect, and preserve dragonfly and damselfly specimens to increase our knowledge about their diversity and distribution

Where and When

Outreach events will take place in Fairbanks (June 21), Tok (June 22-23), Coldfoot (June 24-26), and Galena (August). The biggest event will be “Dragonfly Day” at Creamer’s Field in Fairbanks.

Dragonfly expert John Hudson and naturalist/photographer Bob Armstrong, co-authors of the book “Dragonflies of Alaska,” will be traveling from Juneau to teach people about dragonflies.

How Can You Help?

1. We are looking for volunteers in the Fairbanks area to help plan and implement Dragonfly Day. This event will have hands-on instruction on dragonfly collecting and identification techniques, displays about proper specimen handling and record keeping, children’s activities, exhibits of live dragonflies and other aquatic insects, and nature walks focusing on dragonflies and their habitats.
2. Volunteers who live near Tok, Coldfoot, and Galena can help with their local dragonfly outreach efforts. Activities will be similar to those in Fairbanks, but on a smaller scale.

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