



JULY 22, 2017

BUMBLE BLITZ!

Citizen Scientists Needed to Help

We all know that pollinators play an important role in our food production, but do you know that bumble bees are among our most efficient pollinators? More importantly, unlike honey bees, our bumble bees are native! In fact, there are 21 different species of bumble bees in the eastern United States, and nearly all of them have a distribution that places them in portions of Ohio. Although honey bees are not native and our bumble bees are, the two insects share more than just flowers - populations of both insects have been in serious decline the past few years. One species, the rusty patched bumble bee, has the distinction of being the first bumble bee placed on the federal endangered species list. This species was also once common in Ohio. Join us for an important citizen science project as we set out in search of bees and help scientists gather information that will help protect the bees in the future. Citizen scientists will be photographing species and uploading information to the Ohio Bee Atlas database.

July 22, 2017

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Letha House Park
East**

Ages 12 and up

Rain Date: July 29

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE
TO HELP, PLEASE
CONTACT:**

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By July 20

Or click [HERE](#) to register



Medina County
Park District

OFF TRAIL ACTIVITY

Long pants tucked into boots
strongly recommended

Park staff will reward citizen scientists
at the end of the survey with an ice
cream social!