



OHIO 4-H CLOVERBUDS
CLICK AND DO ACTIVITY

From Polliwog to Grown Up Frog

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Background Frogs are fascinating creatures! Here are some fun facts and activities about frogs for your Cloverbuds. There are many interesting facts about frogs, many books to read (both fiction and nonfiction), crafts to do, snacks to make and even songs to sing! Want to learn more about frogs? Let's hop to it!

Have you ever seen what looked like little jelly eyeballs floating in the water? What could these be? They may have been frog eggs. Frogs lay their eggs in water and the eggs hatch into polliwogs, also known as tadpoles. Polliwogs live completely in the water, they have no legs yet for jumping, just a tail for swimming! As a polliwog grows, it develops legs and becomes a full-grown frog. Once it is a grown-up frog, it can live on the land.

Ribbit, ribbit, how far can you jump?! (let's see how far you can jump like a frog!)



Frogs are amphibians, they can live both in the water and on land. Frogs can be very small or very large. Some frogs can weigh up to 7 pounds while others are so small, they can sit on a dime. Frogs live everywhere in the world but Antarctica and have been around as long as the dinosaurs! Where can you find frogs near you? (let's hear your Cloverbuds' ideas)

*Note: if you have a nearby location with a frog population, you might want to take your Cloverbuds on a frog adventure!



All frogs are green right? Not true! Frogs can be yellow, red, orange, blue and even purple! What color of frog would you like to be? A frog coloring page is included for your Cloverbuds to color their frog as they wish. (You might show some pictures of colorful frogs).



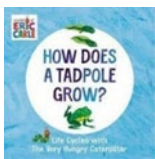
Activity Here is a frog craft that your group might enjoy. Supplies you will need for this craft:

Paper plates
 Frog feet cut from green construction paper (4 per child)
 Markers/color pencils/crayons
 Party horns
 Jiggly eyes
 Glue
 Scissors (adults may want to cut the hole so that it is the proper size.)



Give each Cloverbud a paper plate. They will fold the plate in half. Have the Cloverbuds decorate the outside of the plate to look like a frog. Cut a hole in the center of each plate at the fold. The hole should be big enough to slide the party horn in snugly. Glue the jiggly eyes on the top side of the plate. Glue the feet on the bottom side of the plate. Insert the horn into the hole in the plate. Complete – a frog ready to catch some flies!

Would your Cloverbuds like a frog snack that will make them smile? Try the Apples Smiles recipe found in Fall Festival: A Harvest of Fun section of the Big Book of 4-H Cloverbud Activities. To make the smiles look like frogs, substitute a slice of strawberry (replacing the marshmallows) to look like a frog's tongue. To take an extra leap, place a gummy worm so it appears to be hanging out of the frog's mouth. Enjoy!



Suggested books about frogs that your Cloverbuds might enjoy.
How Does A Tadpole Grow? and *I Don't Want to be a Frog.*



Here is a camp song to learn and sing:

LITTLE GREEN FROG

Um Ah, went the little green frog one day
 Um Ah, went the little green frog
 Um Ah, went the little green frog
 and his eyes went Um Ah, Um Ah, Um Ah Ah

Beep, beep, went the big Mack truck one day
 Squish Squash, went the little green frog
 and his eyes didn't go Um Ah, anymore
 'cause they both got eaten by a dog Woof Woof!

Gestures:

Um-Hands in and closed
 Ah-Hands out and open
 Beep-Pulling Mack truck horn motion
 Squish-press hands together like your squishing something
 Squash-Same as above

Here are some “toad-ally” hilarious jokes to share with your Cloverbuds.

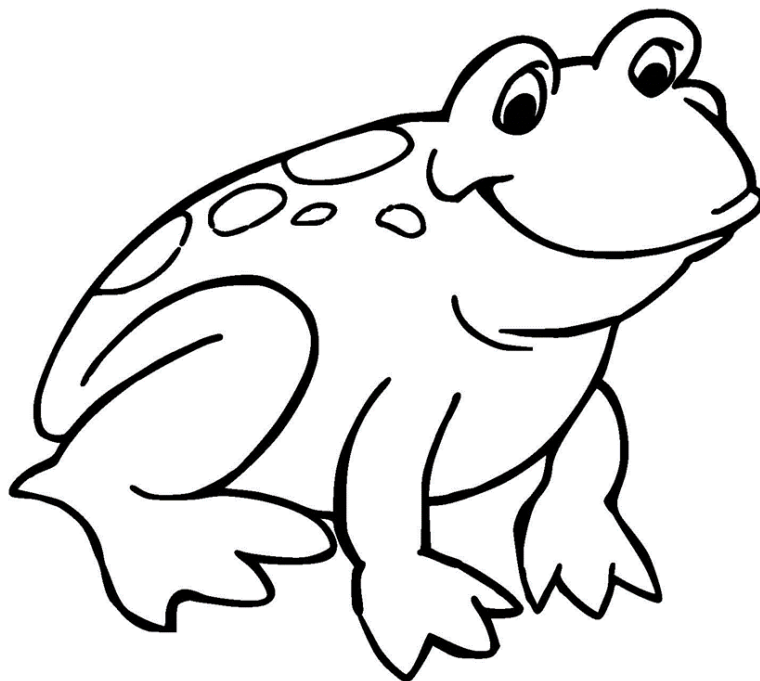
What kind of music do frogs like best?
Why are frogs such good basketball players?
Where do frogs go for breakfast?
What do frogs play during recess?
What do frogs eat in the summer?

Hip hop.
They always make their jump shots.
IHOP.
Hop-scotch.
Hopsicles.

Follow up Questions

1. What is a baby frog called?
2. Can frogs swim?
3. Are all frogs green?
4. What are some other animals you would like to learn about?

Application Learning about frogs and other animals can help children learn to love and explore nature and to protect and respect animals. The activities are designed to help children learn about not only frogs but other amphibians also. They are often familiar with pets and farm animals, but not other animals. The appreciation of different habitats and types of animals can help them get excited to explore their surroundings.



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