



The cicadas are coming soon!

A Social Narrative

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People who live in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, and other states are talking a lot about bugs these days!



The kind of bugs that people are talking about are called cicadas.



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We know they are coming, because they come every 17 years.

The last time the cicadas were here was in the year 2004.



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Cicada babies, or larvae, grow underground. They stay under the dirt until the temperature of the dirt warms up to around 64 degrees.



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When the cicadas are fully developed and warm, they come up to the surface where we can see them.



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They stick to a tree, bush or branch up high where they are safe from birds & other animals.



They spend time in the sun, shed their exoskeleton (or outside shell), and dry out their wings.



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what
they sound like

Oh, and they
SING!

Their song can be
very loud!!



Their song is loud because it is not just a few cicadas that come out of the ground, but lots of cicadas!



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I can wear a hat,
or headphones to
quiet the noise. Or
maybe I can find
something to do
inside.



The cicadas may land on me and that is okay. I can brush them off me if I want.



The cicadas will not hurt me, my family, my friends, or my pets. They do not bite or sting!



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I will see cicadas on tree trunks and branches. I will see them on sidewalks and streets. I might even step on exoskeletons when I walk outside!



I might even see cicadas on my friends but my friends will be okay!



Sometimes it will feel like the cicadas are everywhere but I will be okay!

The cicadas will be almost gone sometime in July!!



It will be a summer of “cicada adventures”!

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Additional cicada resources:

1. An additional CCHMC cicada story: [Cicadas](#)
2. Smartphone mapping app: [Cicada Safari](#)