

Become An Indiana Master Naturalist! 2012

Interested and intrigued by nature and the environment?

Want to learn more about Indiana's natural resources and share this information with others?

The Indiana Master Naturalist Program is an educational/volunteer program developed by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and Purdue Extension to provide citizens with hands-on opportunities to learn about our State's natural features and resources. The purpose of the program is to:

⇒ Bring together natural resource specialists with adult learners (18 years and older) to foster an understanding of Indiana's plants, soils, water, wildlife, history and people, and to promote volunteer service in local communities.

⇒ Provide an educational opportunity for course participants by volunteering with a local agency or organization involved in natural resource management.

⇒ In Allen County Indiana, this program is sponsored by Fox Island Alliance and Allen County Parks.

Program Information

⇒ The sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 9:30 pm and on Saturday mornings from 8:30am to 12:30pm and either at Fox Island or Metea County Park or Purdue Extension.

⇒ The sessions begin on March 13 with Orientation and end on May 15 with the exam.

⇒ Participants **must attend the orientation meeting** on Tuesday evening, March 13.

⇒ Participants **must** attend at least 8 of the 9 class sessions, complete the final exam, and complete 33 volunteer hours to obtain Indiana Master Naturalist Certification, a pin and a newsletter.

Graduation Day is Tuesday, October 16, 2012.

⇒ Class size is limited to 30 applicants. Space is reserved on a first-come first-served basis; and space will be reserved **only** when the **\$80.00 registration fee** is paid. Advance registration is due by Monday, March 5.

You will receive a letter inviting you to orientation if you are among the first 30 to register.

Class Schedule

| Date | Sessions* | Instructor | Time | Location |
|------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 3/13 | Orientation | Get Acquainted/ Naturalists | 6:00 – 9:30 pm | Metea Park |
| 3/20 | Forest Ecology | Dr. Jim Tobolski | 6:00 – 9:30 pm | Metea Park |
| 3-27 | Reptiles, Amphibians | Dr. Bruce Kingsbury | 6:00 – 9:30 pm | Fox Island Park |
| 4/10 | Geology | Tony Fleming | 6:00 – 9:30 pm | Metea Park |
| 4/14 | Birds | Dr. James Haw | 8:30am-12:30pm | Fox Island Park |
| 4/21 | Wetlands | Tim Skiver | 8:30am-12:30pm | Fox Island Park |
| 4-28 | Wildflowers | Ben Hess | 8:30am-12:30pm | Fox Island Park |
| 5/1 | Insects | R. Divelbiss & K. Harding | 6:00 – 9:30 pm | Metea Park |
| 5/8 | Mammals | Dr. Bruce Kingsbury | 6:00 – 9:30 pm | Metea Park |
| 5/12 | Native Trees | Ricky Kemery | 8:30am- 12:30pm | Extension Office |
| 5/15 | Final Exam | Required – No makeup | 6pm-? | Metea Park |

***Note-** Some sessions will require moderate walking.

Questions? Contact Kate Ferguson –749-8881 or katef8881@comcast.net for information.

Indiana Master Naturalist -Allen County Program - Registration- 2012

Name _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____

_____ zip _____

Phone-Day _____ Night _____ Cell _____

2012-Registration Fee = \$80.00 Check * or Cash *Payable to (Fox Island Alliance)

Mail completed registration to:

Pam George
FIA Treasurer, Attn: IMN
6316 Tree Top Trail
Fort Wayne, IN 46845

Important Notes: Deadline for Registration is Monday, March 5 – Class size is limited to 30 students. Space will only be reserved when the registration fee is paid. Your registration fee will be returned if we are unable to reserve a space for you or if you decide not to attend the class. Students accepted into the class must attend orientation session on March 13. Money will NOT be returned after orientation.

If you have special needs, please indicate on the registration form, or call us at 260-749-8881 prior to the orientation session.

If you need directions:

North East

Metea County Park is located at the east end of Union Chapel Road. You may take US #1 east till you see the Metea sign.

South West

Fox Island County Park is between Smith and I 69 and is located by going South on Smith and turning right on Yohne or By going West on Jefferson past I 69 and turn left at the Wendys' light. Following the road brings you to Yohne.

IPFW Campus

Allen County Extension is on the Crescent Avenue side of the IPFW Campus. Come in at the flags and go $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way around the round a-bout, turn right and then left.