



## Become An Indiana Master Naturalist - 2017

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 to provide citizens with hands-on opportunities to learn about our state's natural features and resources.

Date	Topic	Instructor(s)	Time	Location
2/21	Orientation / Inside Trail Guiding Ticks	Get Acquainted / Meet the Naturalists Natalie Haley / Russ Voorhees	6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Fox Island
2/28	Geology	Tony Fleming	6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Fox Island
3/07	Forest Ecology	Dr. Jordan Marshall	6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Metea Park
3/14	Reptiles/ & Amphibians	Dr. Bruce Kingsbury	6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Metea Park
3/21	Arthropods / Monarch Butterflies	Nathan Arata, Karie Harding	6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Metea Park
3/25	Wetlands	Kate Sanders	8:30 am-12:30 pm	Fox Island
3/28	Mammals	Dr. Bruce Kingsbury	6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Metea Park
4/11	Bats / Native American Heritage	Bob Walton / Dani Tippman	6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Metea Park
4/18	Hands-On Nature	Jody Heaston	6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Fox Island
4/29	Birds / Jane Hine	Ed & Cynthia Powers / Terri Gorney	8:30 am-12:30 pm	Fox Island
5/13	Native Trees	Ron Divelbiss / Karie Harding	8:30 am – 12:30 pm	Metea
5/20	Wildflowers	Ben Hess	8:30 am – 12:30 pm	Fox Island
5/27	AC Trails – Historic Walk	Angie Quinn	8:30 am – 12:30 pm	Ft. Wayne
5/30	<b>Final Exam</b>	Required	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Fox Island

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, water ecology, soils, and wildlife, and also 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 8:30 am to 12:30 pm either at Metea County Park or Fox Island County Park.

The sessions begin on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> and end on May 30<sup>th</sup> with a Final Exam.

The **Orientation Meeting** on Tuesday evening, February 21st at Fox Island Park is a required part of the program.

Participants **must** attend at least 11 of the 13 class sessions, complete a final exam, and complete 30+ volunteer hours to obtain Indiana Master Naturalist Certification and a pin.



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Class size is limited to 25 applicants. Space is reserved on a first-come first-served basis; and space will be reserved **only** when the **\$95.00 registration fee** is paid.

Advance registration is due by Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. \*\* Some sessions will require moderate walking.

**Questions?** Contact Pam George @260-471-5952 or Jeff Ormiston @ 260- 432-2915

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### Indiana Master Naturalist -Allen County Program - Registration- 2017

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone-Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

2017 - Registration Fee = \$95.00 Check \* or Cash

Included in the fee are several field guides & other valuable nature materials.

\*Payable to: **Fox Island Alliance, Inc.**

Mail completed registration to: Pam George  
6316 Tree Top Trail  
Fort Wayne, In 46845

Important: Deadline for Registration is February 10<sup>th</sup>. Class size is limited to 25 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 drop the class after the Orientation.

Participants accepted into the class must attend the orientation session on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Money may not be returned after orientation unless there are extenuating circumstances. These non-refundable fees can be applied to future IMN either in Allen County or at other IMN sites.

If you have special needs, please indicate on the registration form, or call us at **471-5952** prior to the orientation session.

*Fox Island Alliance is a volunteer not- for- profit organization.*