



Become An Indiana Master Naturalist - 2023

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 /FI Derecho / Ticks	Get Acquainted / Natalie Haley / Russ Voorhees	6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Fox Island
02/28	Native American Heritage / Civil War Era	Dani Tippmann / Greta Sirois / Bob Dispenza	6;00pm – 9:30 pm	Metea
3/07	Forest Ecology	Dr. Jordan Marshall	6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	ERC
3/11	Geology	Tony Fleming	8:30 am – 12:00	Fox Island
3/14	Reptiles/ & Amphibians	Dr. Bruce Kingsbury	6:00 pm –9:30 pm	ERC
3/21	Mammals	Dr. Scott Bergeson	6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	ERC
3/28	Arthropods / Bees/ Monarch Butterflies	Bob Dispenza / Don Conkle Karie Harding	6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Metea
4/11	Hands-On Nature	Jody Heaston	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Fox Island
4/18	Wildflowers	Jeff Ormiston / Natalie Haley / Carrie Vrael	6:00 – 9:30 pm	Fox Island
4/22	Wildflowers	Jeff Ormiston / Natalie Haley / Carrie Vrael	9:00 am – 12:30 pm	Metea
4/25	Birds / Jane Hine	Ed & Cynthia Powers / Terri Lehman Dr. John Meier	6:00 – 9:00 pm	Fox Island
4/29	Birds	Ed & Cynthia Powers	8:00 am-12:00 am	Fox Island
5/02	Bats / Weather	Bob Walton Bill Seidel	6:00 -9:30	Metea
5/06	Historic Walk	Sandy Lagoni	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Downtown Ft. Wayne
5/09	Wetlands	Kate Sanders	6:30 – 9:30 pm	Fox Island
5/13	Wetlands Hike	Kate Sanders / Jeff Ormiston	9:00 – 12:30 am	Eagle Marsh
5/16	Native Trees	Ron Divelbiss	6:00 - 9:30	Metea
5/20	Native Tree Hike	Ron Divelbiss	9:00 – 11:30 am	Metea



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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, soils, and wildlife, and promote natural resource volunteer service within the State of Indiana.
- ❖ 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 supported by Fox Island Alliance, Allen County Parks & PFW Environmental Resource Center.

Program Information:

The sessions begin on Tuesday, February 21st & end on Saturday, May 20th with a Native Tree Hike at Metea Park.

The **Orientation Meeting** on Tuesday evening, February 21st is an essential part of the program. Please notify me if you can't attend that night.

Participants **must** complete at least 8 classes of the 13 classes offered plus the Orientation, complete weekly quizzes, and accumulate 24 hours of volunteer work to obtain Indiana Master Naturalist Certification and a pin. Any session that includes an academic presentation on Tuesday and a hike on Saturday is considered ONE session.

Class size is limited to 30 applicants. Space is reserved on a **first-come, first-served basis.**

Hiking sessions will require moderate walking.

Important: Your registration form needs to be mailed to me **immediately** to secure a place in the 2023 IMN session. The registration fee is due the evening of the orientation (Tuesday, February 21st).

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

If you have special needs, please indicate on the registration form, or call us at 260-466-3605 prior to the orientation session.

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

Questions? Contact Pam George @260-466-3605 / pamgeorgeph@comcast.net or Jeff Ormiston @ 260-414-2538



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Complete the following application and return to the address listed below to secure a place in the 2023 IMN Program:

Name _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone-Day/ Work _____ Cell _____

2023 Registration Fee = \$120.00 Check * or Cash (due at the Orientation on Tuesday, February 21st).

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

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

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