



Become An Indiana Master Naturalist - 2024

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
2/20	Orientation /Native American Heritage/ Civil War Era	Greta Sirois/ Bob Dispenza	6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Metea
02/27	Hands-on Nature	Jody Heaston	6:00pm – 9:30 pm	Fox Island
3/05	Fox Island Derecho/ Ticks	Natalie Haley/ Russ Voorhees	6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Fox Island
3/09	Geology	Tony Fleming	8:30 am – 12:00	Fox Island
3/12	Forest Ecology	Dr. Jordan Marshall	6:00 pm –9:30 pm	ERC
3/19	Reptiles and Amphibians	Dr. Bruce Kingsbury	6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	ERC
3/26	Mammals	Dr. Scott Bergeson	6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	ERC
4/09	Arthropods/ Bees/ Monarch Butterflies	Bob Dispenza/ Don Conkle/ Karie Harding	6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Metea
4/16	Wildflowers	Jeff Ormiston / Carrie Vrabel	6:00 – 9:30 pm	Fox Island
4/20	Wildflowers Hike	Jeff Ormiston / Carrie Vrabel	9:00 am – 12:30 pm	Metea
4/23	Birds / Jane Hine	Ed & Cynthia Powers / Terri Lehman Dr. John Meier/ John Gever	6:00 – 9:00 pm	Fox Island
4/27	Birds	Ed & Cynthia Powers/ Rachel Pyle	8:00 am-12:00 am	Fox Island
4/30	Bats / Weather	Bob Walton Bill Seidel	6:00 -9:30	Metea
5/04	Fort Wayne Trails- Historic Walk Part 1	Pam George	9:00- 12 Noon	Downtown Ft. Wayne
5/07	Fort Wayne Trails-Historic Walk Part 2	Pam George	6:00 – 8:30 pm	Downtown Ft. Wayne
5/14	Wetlands	Kate Sanders	6:00 - 9:30 pm	Fox Island
5/18	Wetlands Hike	Kate Sanders/ Jeff Ormiston	9:00- 12:00 Noon	Fox Island
5/21	Native Trees	Ron Divelbiss	6:00 - 9:30	Metea
5/25	Native Trees Hike	Ron Divelbiss	9:00- 12:30	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 20th & end on Saturday, May 25th with a Native Tree Hike at Metea Park.

The **Orientation Meeting** on Tuesday evening, February 20st 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 14 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 25 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 2024 IMN session. The registration fee is due the evening of the orientation (Tuesday, February 20st).

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 260-312-3069 prior to the orientation session.

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

Questions? Contact Tori Mumaw at mumawvictoria@gmail.com 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 2024 IMN Program:

Name _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone-Day/ Work _____ Cell _____

2024 Registration Fee = \$120.00 Check * or Cash (due at the Orientation on Tuesday, February 20th).

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

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

Mail completed registration to: Tori Mumaw
3509 Rockwood Dr.
Fort Wayne, IN 46815