

Become An Indiana Master Naturalist! 2010

Interested and intrigued by nature and the environment? Want to learn more 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 Hoosier natural features and resources. The purpose of the program is to:

- ⇒ Bring together natural resource specialists with adult learners to foster an understanding of Indiana’s plants, water, soils, and wildlife, and promote volunteer service in local communities.
- ⇒ Provide an educational opportunity for course participants (18 years and older) to establish a short or long-term partnership with an agency or local organization involved in natural resource management by volunteering as a part of the course.
- ⇒ In Allen County Indiana, this program is sponsored by Fox Island Alliance and Purdue Extension Service.

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 County Park or the Allen County Extension Office.
- ⇒ The sessions begin on March 16 and end on May 11. The Final Exam is Saturday, May 15.
- ⇒ Participants **must attend the orientation meeting** on Tuesday evening, February 16 at 6pm..
- ⇒ Participants **must** attend at least 8 of the 9 class sessions, complete a final exam, and complete 33 volunteer hours to obtain Indiana Master Naturalist Certification and a pin. Graduation Day is Tuesday, October 26, 2010.
- ⇒ 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, February 1. 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
2/16	Orientation	Get Acquainted	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Extension Office
3/16	Forest Ecology	Dr. Jim Tobolski	6:00 – 9:30 pm	Extension Office
3/23	Geology	P. H. Sunquist	6:00 –9:30 pm	Extension Office
4/10	Birds	Dr. James Haw	8:30am-12:30pm	Fox Island
4/17	Wetlands	Tim Skiver	8:30am-12:30pm	Fox Island
4-20	Reptiles, Amphibians	Chris Barlow	6:00 – 9:30 pm	Extension Office
4/27	Naturalists, Watershed	Terri Gorney, Matt Jones	6:00 – 9:30 pm	Extension Office
5/1	Native Trees	Ricky Kemery	8:30am- 12:30pm	Extension Office
5/8	Wildflowers	Doug Rood	8:30am-12:30pm	Fox Island
5/11	Mammals	Chris Barlow	6:00 – 9:30 pm	Extension Office
5/15	Final Exam	Required – No makeup	9:00am -	Extension Office

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

Questions? Contact the Allen County Extension office at 260-481-6826 (press option 3)

Indiana Master Naturalist -Allen County Program - Registration- 2010

Name _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____

_____ zip _____

Phone-Day _____ Night _____ Cell _____

2010-Registration Fee = \$80.00 Check * or Cash *Payable to (Purdue CES Hort. Ed. Fund)

Mail completed registration to:

**Allen County Extension Office, Attn: Master Naturalist –
4001 Crescent Ave. Fort Wayne, Indiana 46815-4590**

Or drop off your registration at the Allen County Extension Office.

Important Notes: Deadline for Registration is February 1 – 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 February 16. Money will NOT be returned after orientation.

If you have special needs, please indicate on the registration form, or call us at 260-481-6826 prior to the orientation session.

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