

JUNIOR MASTER NATURALIST

COOK COUNTY 2026

This spring, University of Illinois Extension in Cook County is launching a 7-week Junior Master Naturalist 4-H Special Interest Club program for high school students passionate about environmental stewardship and justice.

Participants will learn from a variety of environmental experts, engage in a series of field-based experiential learning activities, and showcase an environmentally relevant project through a 4-H fair-style presentation. Individuals are eligible to earn an Accredible digital credential from the University of Illinois for their participation in the 7-week program.

If you love science, community well-being, or the outdoors, apply today. We can't wait to bring together a dynamic group of young and curious environmental stewards!

GRADES: 9 - 12

For more information about this and other Extension programs, contact rfolk2@illinois.edu.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact the event coordinator. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your needs.



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Stewardship

MARCH 28

9 AM - 12 PM

Sand Ridge Nature Center

Geology and Landforms

APRIL 04

9 AM - 12 PM

Sand Ridge Nature Center

Wetlands and Ecology

APRIL 11

1 PM - 3 PM

Sand Ridge Nature Center

Botany and Native Plants

APRIL 18

1 PM - 3 PM

Camp Shabbona Woods

Weather and Climate

APRIL 25

1 PM - 3 PM

Camp Shabbona Woods

Naturalist Project Workshop

MAY 02

9 AM - 1:30 PM

Sandridge Community Center

4-H Mini Fair

MAY 09

9 AM - 1:30 PM

Sandridge Community Center