



**University of Illinois Extension
Master Naturalist Annual Volunteer
Agreement**



The purpose of University of Illinois Extension Master Naturalist program is to provide science-based educational opportunities that connect people with nature and help them become engaged environmental stewards. We encourage individuals to experience nature, develop knowledge of and respect for the environment, and practice natural resource stewardship.

In the capacity as a University of Illinois Extension Master Naturalist trainee/intern/certified volunteer, I understand and agree to:

- successfully complete all Master Naturalist core course training units.
- as an intern accomplish **60 hours of approved volunteer service within 2 years of completing training.**
- comply with training, documentation, and certification requirements of the Illinois Master Naturalist program.
- as a certified Master Naturalist accomplish **30 hours volunteer hours and 10 hours of approved continued education annually.**
- work with sponsors and partners to implement a Master Naturalist program of excellence in the community.
- use the title of Illinois Master Naturalist volunteer **only** when doing unpaid public service work through sponsored or approved programs. The title is not to be used to advertise names or places of business, nor to associate the Master Naturalist name with commercial products or give implied endorsements of any product or place of business.
- respect and abide by any policies or regulations of Master Naturalist sponsors and partners when engaged in programs at their facilities and natural areas.
- follow state and federal laws and regulations as well as the fiscal policies and guidelines of the University of Illinois, local Extension Unit and Master Naturalist sponsors and partners.
- abide by the Illinois Department of Agriculture licensing requirements for the application of pesticides when acting as a Master Naturalist volunteer.
- provide my own transportation and pay my own expenses incurred as part of official volunteer activities. (Expenses may be tax deductible with proper documentation. Actual out-of-pocket expenses for supplies and materials provided by volunteers may be recovered through program or class fees charged to participants upon prior approval of program sponsor.)
- possess a valid Illinois driver's license and the minimum amount of state required automobile insurance if I will drive others as part of my approved volunteer role.
- Illinois Extension agrees to provide the orientation, training, supervision, and support deemed necessary by Illinois Extension for the successful fulfillment of my volunteer responsibilities.

I have read and understand this volunteer agreement. I am at least 18 years of age and have the full right and authority to execute this agreement. I further agree to abide by the conditions and behavioral expectations of this document. I understand that my failure to comply with these expectations may result in my termination as a University of Illinois Extension Master Naturalist volunteer.

Name (Please print)

Signature

Date