

## HOW DO I BECOME A MASTER NATURALIST?

- Register online at <https://go.illinois.edu/MNtraining>
- Complete an application, background screening and send to address below
- Attend interview with Extension staff
- Submit fee of \$250 covering the training and Master Naturalist Manual
- Attend training June 8-19, 2020

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Teachers participating in the training will be eligible for 60 Professional Development hours through the ROE #53. An additional \$10 fee will be due to the ROE upon completion of the course.

## TELL ME MORE

For an application or more information about University of Illinois Extension Master Naturalist Program, contact us at:

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## WHO CAN BECOME A MASTER NATURALIST?

An Illinois Master Naturalist is an adult who loves the outdoors, has a concern for the local environment, and wants to provide education and service to help their local community.

You do not need to have a college degree or years of experience. You need to have a sincere desire to learn and share information about nature and be willing to devote time to volunteering and ongoing training.



## WHAT IS THE MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM?

The Illinois Master Naturalist program is designed to educate and train a corps of volunteers to provide support in the conservation, management, and interpretation of the area's natural resources.

The program provides science-based educational opportunities that connect people with nature and help them become engaged environmental stewards.

With the help of local experts, University of Illinois Extension provides the educational support for the program, while volunteering is typically coordinated through local partners.

## WHAT DOES THE TRAINING INVOLVE?

Each Master Naturalist volunteer participates in at least 60 hours of initial training. The classes are held in a variety of locations. Training sessions include lectures, discussions, hands-on activities, and field trips.

## WHAT TOPICS ARE COVERED?

Topics relate to local natural areas and may include:

Botany	Environmental Ethics
Archeology	Climate
Forestry	Geology
Prairies	Mammals
Birds	Reptiles
Insects	Aquatics



## HOW DO I VOLUNTEER?

During and after training, you may begin working on the 60 hours of volunteer service required to complete your Master Naturalist internship. You have 24 months to complete your internship and become a certified Master Naturalist. Projects are geared to the needs of the local community.

Opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- Conservation activities in local natural areas
- Creating and maintaining demonstration areas
- Stream, wetland, forest, and prairie restoration
- Natural resource work for local not-for-profits
- Environmental teaching through interpretive tours or displays



## HOW DO I BECOME A CERTIFIED MASTER NATURALIST?

Certification requires the completion of the initial training and 60 hours of volunteer internship. To remain certified a Master Naturalist must complete at least 30 hours of volunteer time and 10 hours of continued education annually.