

When:

8-week program, 9/16/09—11/4/09

Wednesdays 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Where:

Various sites in Licking County

Cost: \$150.00

Notebooks, handouts, class outlines and other resources will be provided.

Applications available on the web

site:

<http://licking.osu.edu> or to request an application for sign up, contact:

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If application is accepted, a background check will be required at volunteer's expense.



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Become an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist

Mission:

To promote awareness and citizen stewardship of Ohio's natural resources through science-based education and community service.



Course Objectives:

Develop an awareness for and citizen stewardship of Ohio natural resources through science based education and community service.

Improve your understanding of natural resource ecology and management.

Enhance the quality of life in your community by maximizing your human and natural resource volunteer talents.

Session topics:

- Program Orientation
- Ecological Concepts
- Best Education Practices
- Nature Interpretation
- Geology & Soils
- Stewardship
- Aquatic Life & Watersheds
- Plants
- Trees & Forests
- Insects
- Reptiles & Amphibians
- Birds
- Mammals

The Training:

The Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Training includes 40+ hours of classroom and field based instruction - with an emphasis on local ecosystems - conducted by experts in:

- Ecology
- Aquatic life & watersheds
- Trees and forest management
- Birds
- Geology
- Many other fields

After Graduation:

Volunteer Naturalists continue their education with eight hours of advanced training a year and 40 hours of service in local activities like:

- Nature Trail Development
- Wildlife Surveys
- Educational Presentations
- Land Restoration
- Demonstration Projects

