



## Application Process:

To receive an application, contact FELC (see contact information on back panel).

**Deadline for submitting an application is Jan. 18, 2019.**

Spaces in the 2019 course will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Course size is limited to 25 of participants.

You must be at least 18 years old to apply.

## Cost:

Registration is \$200.

For information on the course or to obtain an application, contact the host:

Franciscan Earth Literacy Center  
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419-448-7485

For general information about the OCVN program:

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OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION



# Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Course

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In collaboration with  
The Ohio State University

## OCVN Mission

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

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## Course Schedule

See the course schedule below, right for details. Course locations will vary from week to week.



The 2019 Course Schedule  
 Tuesday classes—6:00—9:00  
 Saturday classes—8:30—3:30



## Certification Requirements:

To become an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist, you must:

- Complete 40 hours of instruction
- Perform 40 hours of approved volunteer service within the first year
- After certification, 20 hours of volunteer service and 8 hours of advanced training are required annually



Learn more about the OCVN program at [ocvn.osu.edu](http://ocvn.osu.edu).

## Program Benefits:

Learn about the biology, ecology and natural history of Ohio from many of the state's leading experts.

Become part of a local and statewide network of dedicated volunteers.

Apply your talents and passion to protecting, restoring and understanding Ohio's natural treasures.

DATE	TOPIC	PRESENTER	Location
Sat. Feb. 9	General intro/eco-concepts	FELC & Seneca County Park District (SCPD) staff	Franciscan Earth Literacy Center (FELC)
Tues Feb. 12	Geology/Soils	Seneca Conservation District & SCPD	Coon Hunters Lodge, farm tours
Tues Feb 19	Watersheds, aquatics	Rem Confessor, Ken Baker (Heidelberg U)	Garlo, Forrest, St. John's
Sat. Feb. 23	Plants, Stewardship	SCPD & FELC	Miller Farm
Tues. Feb. 26	interpretation	SCPD staff	FELC
Tues. March 5	Insects	Linda Haas, Sandusky River Bee Keepers Association, FELC & SCPD	Steyer Nature Preserve
Sat. March 9	Forests, Birds	Bob Sams, Christina Slover (Pheasants Forever), Steve Siam, SCPD	Geary YMCA Outdoor Center
Tues. March 12	Mammals	ODNR Div of Wildlife (Austin Dickenson)	Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve
Tues. March 19	Reptiles, amphibians	Josh Dyer(Crawford Cy Pk Dist, FELC & SCPD	FELC
Sat. March 23	Presentations	Round table, class	FELC