



Application Process:

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

Deadline for submitting an application is Friday, Aug. 13, 2021.

Spaces in the 2021 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. Upon completion of the class and service, the participant will receive OSU Extension certification in this State-wide program and have opportunities to become involved in both local and state organizations to promote awareness and citizen stewardship of Ohio's natural resources.

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

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For general information about the OCVN program:

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OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION



Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Course

Hosted By

Seneca County Park District
and
Franciscan Earth Literacy Center

In collaboration with
The Ohio State University

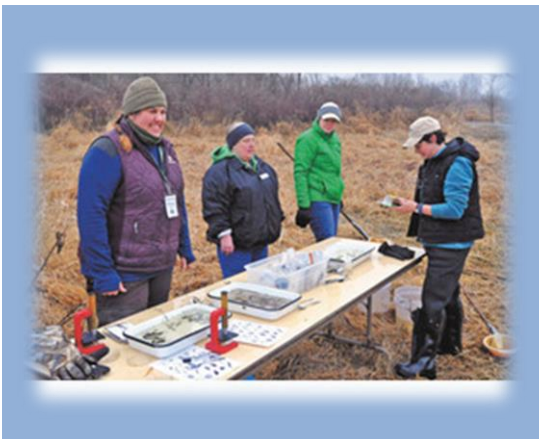
OCVN Mission

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 2021 Course Schedule

(typical schedule could vary by topic or location)

Tuesday classes 6:00-9:00 pm

Saturday classes 8:30am-3:30pm



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.

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. Sept 11	OCVN Intro, Interp, Stewardship	FELC & SCPD staff	FELC
Tues. Sept 14	Geology/Soils	SCPD staff	Seneca Parks
Tues. Sept 21	Plants	SCPD & FELC staff	Seneca Parks
Sat. Sept 25	Birds, Forests	Tom Bartlett, FELC/SCPD staff	Springville Marsh, Seneca Parks
Tues. Sept 28	Insects	Linda Hass, Trent, FELC/SCPD staff	FELC
Tues. Oct 5	Astronomy/Night Interp	Guest Speaker, SCPD staff	Seneca Parks
Sat. Oct 9	Watersheds/Aquatics	Jake Boehler, Water Quality Lab	Seneca Parks
Tues. Oct 12	Mammals	SCPD staff	Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve
Tues. Oct 19	Reptiles/Amphibians	Josh Dyer (Crawford Co. Park District)	Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve
Sat. Oct 23	Presentations	Round table, Class Participants	FELC

* **Tentative Schedule – very tentative**, given the present health restrictions. Be prepared for changes. We will plan to offer accommodations to meet given restrictions that may still be in effect.