

Certification Requirements

To become an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist:

- Complete the 40-hour course which includes classroom and field sessions.
- Perform 40-hours of volunteer service with an Ohio organization of your choice and/or take additional continuing education (see website: <https://ocvn.osu.edu/home>)
- After certification, 30 hours of volunteer service and continuing education annually.



Learn more about the OCVN program at

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Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Course

Hosted By
The Franciscan Earth Literacy Center (FELC) and the Seneca County Park District
Anne Baird, Program Director OCVN

OCVN Mission

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



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EXTENSION

Program Benefits

- Learn about Ohio's ecology, practice interpretive and education approaches, and build your skills to participate in stewardship and community science efforts near you.
- 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.

Course Format and Requirements

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

Deadline for submitting an application is Friday, Aug. 5, 2022.

Space in the 2022 course will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Course size is limited to 25 participants. You must be at least 18 years old to apply.

Total Cost: \$200.00



The 2022 Course Schedule



DATE	TOPIC	Presenter	Location
Sat, Aug. 20	OCVN Intro to Interpretive Ecological Concepts	FELC & SCPD staff	FELC
Tues. Aug. 23	Geology and Soils	SCPD staff	Fruth Wetlands Nature Preserve
Tues. Aug. 30	Plants	SCPD and FELC staff	Steyer Nature Preserve
Tues. Sept. 6	Watersheds and Aquatics	Jake Boehler (Sandusky River Watershed Coalition)	Heidelberg University
Sat, Sept. 10 7:30-2:30	Birds and Forests	Tom Bartlett, SCPD and FELC staff	Springville Marsh, FELC
Tues. Sept. 13	Insects and Aquatic Insects	Linda Haas (monarchs), Have a Hive (Trent Balduff), SCPD and FELC staff	FELC
Tues. Sept. 20 6-9:30	Astronomy	Planetarium, SCPD staff	Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve
Tues. Sept 27	Mammals and Animal Handling	Jaron Beck (Communications Specialist/Outdoor Skills—Division of Wildlife)	Bowen Nature Preserve or Isaac Walton League
Tues. Oct. 4	Reptiles and Amphibians	Josh Dyer (Crawford Co. Park District)	Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve
Sat, Oct. 8	Presentations	Round Table and Class Participants	FELC
	Tuesday classes 6:00 - 9:00 P.M. Saturday classes 9:00 A.M.- 3:00 P.M.		