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**OHIO CERTIFIED  
VOLUNTEER  
NATURALIST  
PROGRAM**

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## *Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Program*

The Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Program (OCVN) is a community-based natural resource education and volunteer program, including training and service under the statewide network of Ohio State University Extension. Volunteers receive certification after 40 hours of instruction and 40 hours of volunteer service on an approved community service project. Volunteers maintain certification by completing an additional 8 hours of advanced training and 20 hours of approved volunteer service annually.

Volunteer service can be self-directed or coordinated through a local program sponsor. Examples are: providing educational programs, leading hikes, monitoring bluebird trails, and assisting with special events at local parks. Becoming a Volunteer Naturalist provides individuals the opportunity to give back to their communities using their skills and talents. Volunteer naturalists also have the chance to meet new friends with a common interest in the natural world.

### **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.

### **COURSE TOPICS -**

- Ecological Regions of Ohio
- Exploring Ohio's Watersheds
- Wetland Ecology and Management
- Geology and Soils of Ohio
- Ohio Plants
- Forest Ecology and Management
- Entomology - Study of Insects
- Ornithology - Study of Birds
- Stewardship
- Herpetology—Study of Reptiles & Amphibians
- Mammalogy - Study of Mammals
- The Art of Nature Interpretation
- And more!

## **Volunteer Naturalist Program**

**I am interested in becoming an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist**

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Name

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Address

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City

State

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Phone

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Email

**For more information or to return your interest form contact:**

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