CATOCTIN CREEK & FOUNTAIN ROCK NATURE CENTERS

Master Naturalist

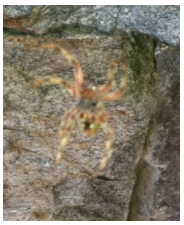
Mondays
Sept 8- Dec 8

This 12 week training program is led by naturalists and educators experienced in Maryland Flora and fauna identification. A vast array of nature topics will be presented including: Ornithology, Botany, Reptiles and Amphibians, Insects, Freshwater Ecosystems, Interpretation and more! Each participant will be interviewed for acceptance into the training program.

To become a Master Naturalist:

- Meet Mondays from 9-3pm at Catoctin Creek and Fountain Rock Nature Centers and complete 60 hours of Master Naturalist training
- Enjoy two field trips for further study
- Share hands-on activities and field studies
- Participant in a group project or individual presentation
- Volunteer 40 hours of service to the nature center within the first year

The cost for the course is $250 and is limited to 25 students (18 years and older). The fee covers the cost of a Master Naturalist Manual, publications and general supplies. Upon completion of the course, and initial service hours at the nature centers, participants will be certified Master Naturalists.



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To apply please visit the Master Naturalist Website:
www.masternaturalist.umd.edu/

or contact Susan Mathews at Catoctin Creek Nature Center 2929 Sumantown Road,

Middletown MD, 21755 or by phone (301) 600-2051

Maryland Master Naturalist

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Programs are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, gender, disability, religion, age, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, or national origin

Volunteer Application

Training Host Site Name:_____

Host Site Address:_____

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Dates:_____**Times:**_____

Program Facilitator:_____

Please type or print: Last Name:	First Name:		
Name as you wish it to appear on your name tag:			
Street Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	County:
Phone Days:	Evenings:		Cell:
E-mail:	County of residence:		
Occupation, if employed:	Former occupation, if retired:		
Emergency Contact Name:	Emergency Contact Phone #:		

For the following questions, use additional sheets if necessary

1. List any training or experience in environmental education, research, stewardship, or related areas. In what area(s), if any, do you specialize; e.g. native plants, forestry, management, etc.?
2. Why do you wish to take the Master Naturalist training?
3. How do you plan to use the training you receive? What type of volunteer projects would interest you?
4. How did you learn about the Master Naturalist program?

5. Master Naturalist activities span a broad range of community service. If you are selected as a Master Naturalist trainee, will you be able to complete your 40 hours of volunteer service within one year of the last day of your volunteer training?"

Yes No, please explain

6. Please rate your expertise in the following areas:

1 = experienced 2 = some knowledge 3 = none

Forestry Management	Birds	Soils
Wetlands	Amphibians/Reptiles	Ecology
Chesapeake Bay	Insects	Interpretation/Teaching
Lakes/Ponds	Mammals	
Rivers/Streams	Plants/Trees	
	Natives/Invasives	

7. Please list any special skills (graphic design, software design, website maintenance, data entry, editorial, marketing, art, writing, photography, lesson plan development, etc.) that may be useful to the Master Naturalist program."

8. Please list skills, interests and hobbies other than those listed in question 7.

9. Please list organizations or clubs in which you are active.

10. Please list languages, other than English, in which you are fluent.

11. Check those with whom you prefer to work:

( ) Youth ( )Young Adults ( ) Adults ( ) Seniors

12. What kinds of volunteer projects would be the ***least*** comfortable for you to do?

13. Classroom materials will be posted on our web site. Do you have internet access? If not, is there someone who can assist you?

Work experience (List most recent experience first)

Employer	Position or title	# of Years

Background:

If you have special needs that we would need to plan for, please let us know:

Have you ever been convicted of, pled nolo contender (no contest) to, or received a deferred or suspended sentence for a crime more serious than a parking or speeding offense in this or any other state, territory, or country? _____ No _____ Yes

If yes, please give date, nature of offense, and disposition: _____

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(A criminal record will not necessarily prevent an applicant from being a Maryland Master Naturalist; a criminal record will be considered as it relates to specifics of the volunteer position for which you are applying. Give all the facts so that a decision can be made.)

References:

List **three** people who have definite knowledge of your character and skills. Complete addresses are required. Do not list family members.

Name (1)_____ Phone: _____

Name (2)_____ Phone: _____

Name (3)_____ Phone: _____

I authorize the Maryland Master Naturalist Program Facilitator to request and receive any background information about or concerning me, including, but not limited to my Criminal History. I also authorize the Maryland Master Naturalist Program Facilitator to contact the listed references and to verify the information provided. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of facts requested is cause for non-appointment or dismissal as a volunteer. If appointed as a volunteer, I agree to abide by the philosophies and policies of the Host Site, as well as the Maryland Master Naturalist Program and to fulfill the volunteer responsibilities to the best of my ability.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of my statements are true, correct, complete and made in good faith.

Applicant Signature:_____Date: _____