

**Pennsylvania Master Naturalist Training Course
Fall Schedule – Centre County**

Class/Field Trip # & Day	Date	Proposed Topic	Location	Time
Class 1 Thursday	8/13	Welcome; Pre-assessment; PA Master Naturalist Program Introduction; Ecoregions of PA; What is a Naturalist		6-8:30 p.m.
Class 2 Thursday	8/20	PA Geology, Soils, Weather & Climate		6-8:30 p.m.
Field Trip 1 Saturday	8/22	Introduction to Field Geology		9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Class 3 Thursday	8/27	Introduction to Ecological Concepts- Communities & Biological Diversity; Biological Classification & Naming		6-8:30 p.m.
Class 4 Thursday	9/3	Water in the Landscape – Watersheds; Wetland Communities		6-8:30 p.m.
Class 5 Thursday	9/10	Introduction to Upland Communities; Introduction to Capstone Projects (Project Planning Assignment)		6-8:30 p.m.
Field Trip 2 Saturday	9/12	Aquatic and Upland Communities		9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Class 6 Thursday	9/17	Introduction to Ornithology and Herpetology		6-8:30 p.m.
Class 7 Thursday	9/24	Introduction to Mammalogy and Entomology		6-8:30 p.m.
Field Trip 3 Saturday	9/26	Field Ornithology, Mammalogy, Entomology and Herpetology		9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Class 8 Thursday	10/1	Suburban/Urban Ecology; Citizen Science		6-8:30 p.m.
Class 9 Thursday	10/8	Ecological Restoration and Stewardship; Volunteer Opportunities		6-8:30 p.m.
Field Trip 4 Saturday	10/10	Restoration & Conservation Projects (Tour of local and regional projects)		9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Class 10 Thursday	10/15	Interpretation and Field Instruction		6-8:30 p.m.
Class 11 Thursday	10/22	Student Presentations		6-8:30 p.m.
Class 12 Thursday	10/29	Volunteer Opportunities; Being a PA Master Naturalist (Next Steps); Post-assessment & Evaluation		6-9:00 p.m.