

Pennsylvania Master Naturalist Training Course
FALL SCHEDULE 2020 – Subject to Change
Penguin Court

Class/Field Trip # & Day	Date	Proposed Topic	Location	Instructor	Time
Class 1 Tuesday	8/4	Welcome; Pre-assessment; PA Master Naturalist Program Introduction; Ecoregions of PA; What is a Naturalist	Penguin Court	Maeve Rafferty, Program Coordinator, PA Master Naturalist	6-8:45 PM
Class 2 Tuesday	8/11	PA Geology, Soils, Weather & Climate	Penguin Court	TBD	6-8:30 PM
Field Trip 1 Saturday	8/15	Introduction to Field Geology	TBD	TBD	Tentatively 8:30 AM – 3 PM
Class 3 Tuesday	8/18	Introduction to Ecological Concepts- Communities & Biological Diversity; Biological Classification & Naming; Intro to Evolution	Penguin Court	Tim Savisky, PA Master Naturalist & University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Professor	6-8:30 PM
Class 4 Tuesday	8/25	Water in the Landscape — Watersheds; Wetland Communities; Intro to iNaturalist	Penguin Court	Melissa Reckner, Program Director, Penguin Court	6-8:30 PM
Class 5 Tuesday	9/1	Introduction to Upland Communities; Introduction to Capstone Projects (Project Planning Assignment)	Penguin Court	Ephraim Zimmerman, Natural Heritage Program Science Director, Western PA Conservancy AND Maeve Rafferty	6-8:30 PM
Class 6 Tuesday	9/8	Introduction to Mammalogy and Herpetology	Penguin Court	TBD	6-8:30 PM
Field Trip 2 Saturday	9/12	Aquatic and Upland Communities	Linn Run & Laurel Summit State Parks	Ephraim Zimmerman AND Rachael Mahony, Environmental Education Specialist, DCNR's Forbes State Forest	Tentatively 8:30 AM - 3 PM
Class 7 Tuesday	9/15	Introduction to Entomology	Penguin Court	TBD	6-8:30 PM
Class 8 Tuesday	9/22	Introduction to Ornithology; Citizen Science (focus on birds)	Penguin Court	TBD	6-8:30 PM
Field Trip 3 Saturday	9/26	Field Ornithology, Herpetology, Mammalogy, and Entomology	Penguin Court	TBD	Tentatively 8 AM – 3 PM
Class 9 Tuesday	9/29	Volunteer Opps/ Speed-dating	Tentatively Penguin Court	Representatives of conservation organizations	6-8:45 PM
Field Trip 4 Saturday	10/3	Restoration & Conservation Projects (Tour of local and regional projects)	TBD	Melissa Reckner AND TBD	Tentatively 9 AM – 3 PM

Class 10 Tuesday	10/6	Suburban & Urban Ecology; Green Infrastructure OR Backyard Habitats	Penguin Court	TBD	6-8:30 PM
Class 11 Tuesday	10/13	Interpretation and Field Instruction; Teaching to Diverse Audiences	Penguin Court	TBD	6-8:30 PM
Class 12 Tuesday	10/20	Student Presentations	Penguin Court	Maeve Rafferty	6-8:30 PM
Class 13 Tuesday	10/27	Being a PA Master Naturalist (Next Steps); Post-assessment & Evaluation	Penguin Court	Maeve Rafferty	6-9:00 PM