

<b>Pennsylvania Master Naturalist Training Course</b> <b>SPRING SCHEDULE 2021 – Allegheny County (subject to change)</b>				
<b>Class/Field # &amp; Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Time*</b>
Class 1 Tue	Apr 6	PA Master Naturalist Program Introduction	Welcome to the program; What is a Naturalist; PA Ecoregions	6-8.30pm
Class 2 Tue	Apr 13	PA Geology, Soils, Weather & Climate	Foundational class in geology of PA - local ecoregion focus	6-8.30pm
Field 1 Sat	Apr 17	Introduction to Field Geology	A driving tour in the Pittsburgh area	9am – 2pm TBD
Class 3 Tue	Apr 20	Part 1: Introduction to Ecology Part 2: Herpetology	Basic principles and concepts of ecology Intro to herps of PA	6-8.30pm
Class 4 Tue	Apr 27	Water in the Landscape; Macroinvertebrates	Attributes of aquatic and palustrine environments; closer look at aquatic communities	6-8.30pm
Class 5 Tue	May 4	Introduction to Uplands; Intro to Capstones Projects	Upland plant communities Guidance on Capstone Projects	6-8.30pm
Class 6 Tue	May 11	Mammalogy	Intro to mammal biology and mammals of PA	6-8.30pm
Field 2 Sat	May 15	Upland and Wetland Communities	Site visits in the Sewickley area, TBD	9am – 4pm TBD
Class 7 Tue	May 18	Ornithology	Intro to avian biology and birds of PA	6-8.30pm
Field 3 Sat	May 22	Field Biology	Field ornithology, entomology, herpetology & mammalogy Locations TBD	7am – 3pm TBD
Class 8 Tue	May 25	Urban Ecology	Impacts of cities on natural systems; Challenges & solutions.	6-8.30pm
Class 9 Tue	Jun 1	Communicating Your Message	Interpretation & field instruction; Teaching diverse audiences	6-8.30pm
Field 4 Sat	Jun 5	Restoration & Conservation Projects	Exploring projects in the Pittsburgh area	9am – 4pm TBD
Class 10 Tue	Jun 8	Volunteer Opportunities	Find out more about local opportunities & Citizen Science	6-8.30pm
Class 11 Tue	Jun 15	Student Presentations	Students present their Capstone Project, 5-10 mins each	6-8.30pm
Class 12 Tue	Jun 22	Becoming a PA Master Naturalist volunteer	You've reached the end of core training – now what's next?	6-8.30pm

\* Field Trip times are tentative at this point. Field Trip days may be shorter but are unlikely to be longer

Weekly Tuesday evening classes will be held at the Frick Environmental Center (FEC), 2005 Beechwood Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15217 *when in-person is feasible*. (Zoom is alternative).

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