

Pennsylvania Master Naturalist Training Course
FALL SCHEDULE 2021 – Subject to Change
Outdoor Discovery Center, Crooked Creek (ACCL)

Class/Field Trip # & Day	Date	Proposed Topic	Location	Instructor	Time
Class 1 Thursday	8/12	PA Master Naturalist Program Introduction; Ecoregions of PA; What is a Naturalist	ODC	Maeve Rafferty, Program Coordinator, PA Master Naturalist	6-8:30 PM
Class 2 Thursday	8/19	PA Geology, Soils, Weather & Climate	ODC	Dr Jonathan Lewis (IUP)	6-8:30 PM
Field Trip 1 Saturday	8/21	Introduction to Field Geology	TBD	Dr Jonathan Lewis (IUP)	Tentatively 9 AM – noon
Class 3 Thursday	8/26	Introduction to Ecological Concepts; Bio Classification & Naming; Intro to Evolution	ODC	Sara Klingensmith	6-8:30 PM
Class 4 Thursday	9/2	Water in the Landscape – Watersheds; Wetland Communities	ODC	Maria Source, Armstrong Conservation District	6-8:30 PM
Class 5 Thursday	9/9	Introduction to Upland Communities; Intro to Capstone Projects (Project Planning Assignment)	ODC	David Beale Maeve Rafferty	6-8:30 PM
Field Trip 2 Saturday	9/11	Aquatic and Upland Communities	TBD	David Beale Maeve Rafferty	9 AM- 3 PM TBD
Class 6 Thursday	9/16	Introduction to Herpetology and Mammalogy	ODC	Herps: Ed Patterson (PARS); Mammals TBD	6-9:00 PM TBD
Class 7 Thursday	9/23	Introduction to Entomology and Ornithology	ODC	Entomology: Dr. Ellen Yerger (IUP); Ornithology TBD	6-9:00 PM TBD
Field Trip 3 Saturday	9/25	Field Ornithology, Herpetology, Mammalogy, and Entomology	Crooked Creek Lake Park		9 AM – 3 PM TBD
Class 8 Thursday	9/30	Interpretation and Field Instruction; Teaching to diverse audiences	ODC	Dr Holly Travis	6-8:30 PM
Class 9 Thursday	10/7	Volunteer Opportunities	ODC	Various	6-8:30 PM
Field Trip 4 Saturday	10/9	Restoration & Conservation Projects	TBD	TBD (off-site)	9 AM – 3 PM TBD
Class 10 Thursday	10/14	Suburban and Urban Ecology	ODC	Maria Source, Armstrong Conservation District	6-8:30 PM
Class 11 Thursday	10/21	Student Presentations	TBD	TBD	6-8:30 PM
Class 12 Thursday	10/28	Being a PA Master Naturalist (Next Steps); Post-assessment & Evaluation	TBD	Maeve Rafferty	6-8.30 PM