



Centre/N. Huntingdon Counties – Volunteer Training Course

Fall 2023 Schedule

Subject to Change

Class/Field Trip # & Day	Date	Proposed Topic	Location	Time
Class 1 Thursday	8/3	Welcome; Pre-assessment; PA Master Naturalist Program Introduction; Ecoregions of PA; What is a Naturalist	Shaver's Creek	6-8:30 p.m.
Class 2 Thursday	8/10	PA Geology, Soils, Weather & Climate	Shaver's Creek	6-8:30 p.m.
Field Trip 1 Saturday	8/12	Introduction to Field Geology	State College area	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Class 3 Thursday	8/17	Introduction to Ecological Concepts- Communities & Biological Diversity, Biological Classification & Naming	Shaver's Creek	6-8:30 p.m.
Class 4 Thursday	8/24	Water in the Landscape — Watersheds; Wetland Communities	Shaver's Creek	6-8:30 p.m.
Class 5 Thursday	8/31	Introduction to Plant Communities, Introduction to Capstone Projects (Project Planning Assignment)	Shaver's Creek	6-8:30 p.m.
Field Trip 2 Saturday	9/2	Aquatic and Upland Communities	State College area	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Class 6 Thursday	9/7	Introduction to Ornithology and Herpetology	Shaver's Creek	6-8:30 p.m.
Class 7 Thursday	9/14	Introduction to Mammalogy and Entomology	Shaver's Creek	6-8:30 p.m.
Field Trip 3 Saturday	9/16	Field Ornithology, Mammalogy, Entomology and Herpetology	Shaver's Creek	8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Class 8 Thursday	9/21	Suburban/Urban Ecology and Citizen Science	Shaver's Creek	6-8:30 p.m.
Class 9 Thursday	9/28	Interpretation and Field Instruction	Shaver's Creek	6-8:30 p.m.
Class 10 Thursday	10/5	Ecological Restoration and Stewardship; Volunteer Opportunities	Shaver's Creek	6-8:30 p.m.
Field Trip 4 Saturday	10/7	Restoration & Conservation Projects (Tour of local and regional projects)	State College Area	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Class 11 Thursday	10/12	Student Presentations	Shaver's Creek	6-8:30 p.m.
Class 12 Thursday	10/19	Volunteer Opportunities; Being a PA Master Naturalist (Next Steps); Post-assessment & Evaluation	Shaver's Creek	6-9:00 p.m.
<i>Make up Class if needed</i>	10/26	<i>Save this date for a make up class if needed</i>	<i>Shaver's Creek</i>	<i>6-8:30 p.m.</i>