

**Pennsylvania Master Naturalist Training Course**  
**FALL SCHEDULE 2023 – SUBJECT TO CHANGE**  
**Westmoreland County – Penguin Court**

<b>Class/Field Trip #</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Proposed Topic</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
Class 1 Tuesday	8/1	Welcome; Pre-assessment; PA Master Naturalist Program Introduction; Ecoregions of PA; What is a Naturalist	Penguin Court	6-8:45 PM
Class 2 Tuesday	8/8	PA Geology, Soils, Weather & Climate	Penguin Court	6-8:30 PM
Field Trip 1 Saturday	8/12	Introduction to Field Geology	Linn Run State Park	8:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Class 3 Tuesday	8/15	Introduction to Ecological Concepts - Communities & Biological Diversity	Penguin Court	6-8:30 PM
Class 4 Tuesday	8/22	Water in the Landscape — Watersheds; Wetland Communities; Intro to iNaturalist	Penguin Court	6-8:30 PM
Class 5 Tuesday	8/29	Introduction to Upland Communities; Introduction to Capstone Projects (Project Planning Assignment)	Penguin Court	6-8:45 PM
Class 6 Tuesday	9/5	Introduction to Entomology	Penguin Court	6-8:45 PM
Field Trip 2 Saturday	9/9	Aquatic and Upland Communities	Linn Run & Laurel Summit State Parks	8:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Class 7 Tuesday	9/12	Introduction to Mammalogy and Herpetology	Penguin Court	6-8:45 PM
Class 8 Tuesday	9/19	Introduction to Ornithology; Biological Classification & Naming	Penguin Court	6-8:30 PM
Field Trip 3 Saturday	9/23	Field Ornithology, Herpetology, Mammalogy, and Entomology	Penguin Court and Ligonier	8:00 AM – 2:30 PM
Class 9 Tuesday	9/26	Conservation Organization Intros & Volunteer Opportunities	Nimick Family Ed. Center, Ligonier	6-8:30 PM
Class 10 Tuesday	10/3	Suburban & Urban Ecology; Green Infrastructure; Backyard Habitats	Tentatively Penguin Court	6-8:30 PM
Class 11 Tuesday	10/10	Interpretation and Field Instruction; Teaching to Diverse Audiences	Penguin Court	6-8:30 PM
Field Trip 4 Saturday	10/14	Restoration & Conservation Projects (Tour of local projects)	Latrobe and Greensburg	Tentatively 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Class 12 Tuesday	10/17	Student Presentations	Penguin Court	6-8:00 PM
Class 13 Tuesday	10/24	Being a PA Master Naturalist (Next Steps); Post-assessment & Evaluation due	Penguin Court	6-8:30 PM