

**Pennsylvania Master Naturalist Training Course
TENTATIVE SPRING SCHEDULE 2026 – Allegheny County**

Class/FT	Date	Topic	Location	Time*
Class 1 Tue	Apr 7	PA Master Naturalist Program Introduction; Intro to Ecoregions; What is a Naturalist?	FEC	6-8.30pm
Class 2 Tue	Apr 14	PA Geology, Soils, Weather & Climate	FEC	6-8.30pm
FT 1 Sat	Apr 18	Introduction to Field Geology	Etna Outcrop and Fall Run Park, Shaler	9-3 TBD
Class 3 Tue	Apr 21	Introduction to Ecology	FEC	6-8.30pm
Class 4 Tue	Apr 28	Water in the Landscape; Macroinvertebrates	FEC	6-8.30pm
Class 5 Tue	May 5	Intro to Uplands & Keystones	FEC	6-8.30pm
FT 2 Sat	May 9	Upland and Aquatic Communities	TBD	9-3pm TBD
Class 6 Tue	May 12	Herpetology and Entomology	FEC	6-8.30pm
Class 7 Tue	May 19	Mammalogy and Ornithology	FEC	6-8.30pm
Class 8 Tue	May 26	Communicating Your Message – Interpretation & Field Instruction	FEC	6-8.30pm
FT 3 Sat	May 30	Field Biology	TBD	7.30am – 2.30 pm TBD
Class 9 Tue	June 2	Urban Ecology – impacts of cities on natural systems	FEC	6-8.30pm
Class 10 Tue	Jun 9	Citizen Science and Volunteer Opportunity Roundtable	FEC	6-8.30pm
FT 4 Sat	Jun 13	Restoration & Conservation Projects	Pittsburgh area, 2- 3 sites	9am – 3pm TBD
Class 11 Tue	Jun 16	Student Presentations/Keystone Project – 5-10 mins each	FEC	6-8.30pm
Class 12 Tue	Jun 23	Being a Master Naturalist	FEC	6-8.30pm

***Please note that locations and field trip times are subject to change. A final schedule will be sent to all accepted trainees before classes begin. All classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:30pm at the Frick Environmental Center (FEC), 2005 Beechwood Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15217**

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