



Application Process:

To receive an application, contact Leslie Bline at The Dawes Arboretum (see contact information on back panel).

Deadline for submitting an application is Wednesday, February 16, 2022.

Spaces in the 2022 course will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Course size is limited to 15 participants.

You must be at least 18 years old to apply.

Cost:

Registration is \$175.

Checks can be made payable to:
LCSWCD

*Limited financial assistance may be available

For information on the course or to obtain an application, contact the host:

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Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Course

Hosted By

**The Dawes Arboretum
Licking Park District
Licking County Soil & Water**

In collaboration with
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OCVN Mission

To promote awareness and citizen stewardship of Ohio's natural resources through science-based education and community service.



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Course Schedule

See the course schedule below, right for details. Course locations will vary from week to week.



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The 2022 Course Schedule



Certification Requirements:

To become an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist, you must:

- Complete 40 hours of instruction
- Perform 40 hours of approved volunteer service within the first year
- After certification, 20 hours of volunteer service and 8 hours of advanced training are required annually

Schedule:

Classes will be every Wednesday, beginning with the kick-off on February 23 and ending on June 1 with a bye-week on April 27. Final presentations will be on Wednesday, June 29.

Generally, classes will be 2-3 hours in length between 9am and noon, however, some classes may fall slightly outside of this timeframe in order to meet the needs of that particular section and to give participants the best possible experience.

Topics covered will include:

- Aquatic Life
- Birds
- Ecological Concepts
- Entomology
- Forests
- Geology
- Herpetology
- Interpretation
- Mammals
- Plants
- Soils
- Stewardship
- Watersheds



Learn more about the OCVN program at ocvn.osu.edu.

Program Benefits:

Learn about the biology, ecology and natural history of Ohio from many of the state's leading experts.

Become part of a local and statewide network of dedicated volunteers.

Apply your talents and passion to protecting, restoring and understanding Ohio's natural treasures.