

**Pennsylvania Master Naturalist is partnering with the Silver Lake Nature Center in Bristol to prepare citizens to become volunteer leaders in their communities through natural resource conservation education, citizen science, and stewardship.**

Once accepted into the Pennsylvania Master Naturalist program, participants begin by attending an initial intensive training.

This natural history training includes 55 hours of classroom and field sessions.

Following this training, participants will engage in 30 hours of service in the first year and 8 hours of continuing education in order to become certified as a Master Naturalist Volunteer.

Participants complete annual service and continuing education hours to maintain their status as Master Naturalist Volunteers.

**Pennsylvania Master Naturalist Schedule - Silver Lake Nature Center**

September 12 - November 14, 2017

Classes from 5:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.; field trips from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

1	9/12	Orientation (Becoming a Master Naturalist; Introduction to Ecoregions & Natural History)	Ellyn Nolt /
2	9/19	Introduction to Geology	Phil Getty
Field Trip #1	9/23	Field Introduction to Geology and Soils	Phil Getty
3	9/26	Entomology	Dan Duran
4	10/3	Plant Communities and ID	Pat Coleman
Field Trip #2	10/7	Plant ID & Entomology in the Field	Pat Coleman & Mary Ann Borge
5	10/10	Introduce Capstone Projects & Herpetology	Ellyn Nolt/Kyle Loucks
Field Trip #3	10/21	Birding and Reptiles	Katie McAfee & Kyle Loucks
6	10/17	Watershed Dynamics & Aquatic Communities	Mary Ellen Noonan
7	10/24	Ornithology and Mammalogy	Katie McAfee
8	11/7	Interpretation and Field Instruction; Teaching to Diverse Audiences	Ehren Gross
Field Trip #4		Upland and Riparian Communities	Tom Dougherty/Vivian Williams
9	11/14	Capstone Presentations, Paperwork for Becoming a Master Naturalist, and Final Exam	Ellyn Nolt/



**Regular Application Deadline is June 12, 2017 for Fall 2017 classes.**

**Applications and more information are available at [pamasternaturalist.org/become\\_a\\_master\\_naturalist](http://pamasternaturalist.org/become_a_master_naturalist)**

Tuition: **\$325**, includes mandatory background check fee.

**The fee for applications received after the deadline increases to \$400 (if space is still available).**

Please contact Ellyn Nolt, the Program Coordinator ([enolt@pamasternaturalist.org](mailto:enolt@pamasternaturalist.org)) for class availability after the deadline.