

Request for Application:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone(s): _____

Email: _____

Age: _____ Male or Female: ____

(minimum age required is 18)

To receive a Volunteer Application Packet, return the above Registration Form to:

Email: Jennifer.bucheit@dnr.state.oh.us

or mail to:

Erie County OCVN Program
2514 Cleveland Rd, East
Huron, OH 44839

\$ 80 Course Fee is due with completed application

Application Deadline is March 1.

Fingerprinting fee is applicant's responsibility.

Refunds will only be given if training is canceled by OWC or Erie County extension staff.

Volunteer Selection Process:

Volunteer selection is managed by the OSU Extension Coordinator and the OWC Education Coordinator. Each OCVN applicant must be at least 18 years old, complete an application, and pass a fingerprint background check. Acceptance is contingent upon review by the program committee.

Program Contacts:

Jennifer Bucheit, Education Coordinator,
Old Woman Creek National Estuarine
Research Reserve

Jennifer.bucheit@dnr.state.oh.us

419-433-4601

Tim Malinich, OSU Extension Coordinator—
Erie County

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OHIO CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER NATURALIST PROGRAM

Erie County Classes

April 5 to May 28, 2016



OCVN Program Summary

The Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist (OCVN) program is a research-based, scientific training program that emphasizes hands-on natural resource education coupled with community-based volunteer service. The program embraces conservation but is not an advocacy group. OCVN is setting out to reach new, nontraditional diverse constituencies and is developing partnerships with local and statewide natural resource organizations. Interested individuals will receive training in environmental issues, wildlife and other natural science areas. Upon course completion, they will provide volunteer service in their community to attain certification.

OCVN Program Mission

To develop a corps of well-educated volunteers and to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated toward the beneficial management of natural resources within their communities. To promote awareness and citizen stewardship of Ohio's natural resources through science-based education and community service.

Training Schedule:

Tuesday, April 5	6:00—9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 12	6:00—9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19	6:00—9:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 23	9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 26	6:00—9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 3	6:00—9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 10	6:00—9:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 17	9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 24	6:00—9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 26	6:00—9:00 p.m.

Meeting location:
Old Woman Creek Reserve
2514 Cleveland Rd., East
Huron, OH 44839
419-433-4601

Training Topics:

Watersheds	Birds
Forests	Insects
Soils	Environmental Education
Aquatic Life	Ecosystems
Mammals	Volunteerism
Interpretation	

Volunteer Naturalist Certification Requirements:

- Complete 40 hours of classroom and field instruction.
- Score minimum 70% on final take home exam.
- Perform 40 hours of approved volunteer service within the first year of completing the program.
- After certification, 20 hours of volunteer service and 8 hours of advanced training are required annually.

Program Objectives:

- To improve public understanding of natural resource ecology and management.
- To enhance existing natural resource education and outreach activities.
- To develop a statewide OCVN network.