

# OHIO CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER NATURALIST PROGRAM

Coming Soon to Allen County



## Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Mission

The mission of the OCVN program is to promote awareness and citizen stewardship of Ohio's natural resources through science-based education and community service.

An Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist is an individual with a passion for the natural world who wishes to attend training and use his or her knowledge by giving back to the community through volunteer service.

The program has three components:

1. Training
2. Volunteer Service
3. Advanced Education

The program in Allen County is coordinated by the Ohio State University Extension in Allen County in partnership with the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District (JAMPD) and the Tri-Moraine Audubon Society.

To be certified, volunteers must attend 40 hours of a combination of classroom and field instruction and provide 40 hours of volunteer service.

Volunteer selection is managed by the JAMPD volunteer coordinator. Each OCVN applicant must complete an application and pass a background check.

Class fee is \$125.00.

## 2009 CLASS SCHEDULE

10 Mondays (6-9 PM) – 2/16 through 4/20  
2 Saturdays – 4/4 and 4/25

McElroy Environmental Education Center

## TOPICS TO BE COVERED

Environmental Issues  
Ecological Concepts  
Geology and Soils  
Plants – Trees and Wildflowers  
Forest and Field Ecology  
Birds  
Mammals  
Insects  
Aquatic Biology and Watersheds  
Reptiles and Amphibians  
Pioneer Life in Northwest Ohio  
Nature Interpretation and Techniques

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