



Application Process:

To receive an application, contact Amy Stone with OSU Extension

An Informational Meeting Will Be Held on Friday, June 22, 2018 at 4:00 pm. Location – Wildwood Preserve Boardroom. Please contact Amy Stone to RSVP.

Spaces in the 2018 class will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Class size is limited to 30 participants.

You must be at least 18 years old to apply.

Cost:

Registration is \$225.00 due within two weeks of admission to the program.

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OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION



Become an Ohio
Certified Volunteer
Naturalist
— LUCAS COUNTY —

OCVN Mission:

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



Class locations will vary from week to week to help acquaint participants with natural areas in and around the Toledo, Lucas County Area. Class time will be spent both indoors and out in the field.



This year's program will be held on
Fridays
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
with a 30 break for lunch
September 21 –
November 2, 2018.



Certification Requirements:

To become an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist, you must:

- Complete 40 hours of combined classroom and field 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

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.



You can learn more about the OCVN program at ocvn.osu.edu or at lucas.osu.edu/program-areas/ohio-certified-volunteer-naturalist-program

Class Topics Include:

- The OCVN Program
- Ecological Concepts
- The Art of Nature Interpretation
- Exploring Ohio's Watersheds
- Aquatic Life
- Stewardship
- Geology
- Soils
- Plants
- Forests
- Insects and other macroinvertebrates
- Reptiles & Amphibians
- Birds
- Mammals
- Invasive Species
- And More!