February 25, 2020

Re: Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Class

Ohio State University Extension Muskingum County and the Muskingum Valley Park District will be offering an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Course (OCVN) beginning April 16, 2020. 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. This course will meet the 40-hour instruction requirement to become an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist.

To fully meet all requirements of certification, volunteers must also complete 40 hours of service and meet annual service expectations. Muskingum County has an abundance of public natural spaces and many opportunities exist to work in the community and with the Muskingum Valley Park District. The Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist program is coordinated by The Ohio State University and this educational class is organized by OSU Extension Muskingum County. Ongoing volunteer opportunities will be offered through the Muskingum Valley Park District.

Class sessions will include combined indoor and outdoor experiences and participants should be prepared for both rain and sunshine. The full cost of the class is $125 and applications are due April 3, 2020. Questions about the class can be directed to Clifton Martin, Extension Educator, OSU Extension Muskingum County at 740-454-0144 or martin.2422@osu.edu. Applications and a syllabus are available at muskingum.osu.edu/ocvn or at the Muskingum County Extension Office, 225 Underwood St, Zanesville. Questions specific to the Muskingum Valley Park District can be directed to Russ Edgington, at 740-455-8237 or mvpd@muskingumcounty.org.

Sincerely,

Clifton Martin
Extension Educator, Agriculture and Natural Resources
Muskingum County
Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Program Application

Muskingum County 2020

Name:

Mailing Address:

County where you reside:

Phone:

Email:

What are your reasons for wanting to become an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist?

Please explain why you feel you are a good candidate for the OCVN program:
Tell us about any park districts, nature centers, schools, or similar institutions where you are a volunteer or have recently provided volunteer services:

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Review the schedule of classes on the OCVN brochure. Indicate any dates or times you will not be able to attend. Note that you may miss a maximum of two classes to complete the course and you must work with the local OCVN host to make up for any missed classes.

**Dates I cannot attend class:**

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List three non-family members who have knowledge of your skills, abilities and qualifications to become an OCVN. References should have worked with you on projects and activities and/or have direct experience with or knowledge of your qualifications. Please only provide names of individuals you are comfortable with us contacting.

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The information I have provided on this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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Signature                                      Date

Applications are due by __April 3, 2020__. However, because of the limited class size, we recommend you submit your application as soon as possible.

Send a hard copy of your completed and signed application to:

OSU Extension Muskingum County
ATTN: OCVN
225 Underwood St
Zanesville, OH 43701

Applications may also be emailed to: martin.2422@osu.edu

Program cost is $125. We will collect program fees at the beginning of the first class on April 16. Checks payable to OSU Extension Muskingum County.