

# Indiana Master Naturalist 2016 Class Schedule

6:00pm – 9:00 pm

**January** January 14, 2016

## *Interpretation/History*

Meet program coordinators and your fellow classmates. Learn more about the program and requirements to obtain IMN certification. Learn tips and techniques on how to be a good interpreter.

**February** February 11, 2016

## *Indiana Geology*

Did you know that at one point Indiana was covered in glaciers? Come discover how glaciers shaped the Indiana landscape we know today.

**March** March 10, 2016

## *Indiana Reptiles and Amphibians*

Do you know the difference between poisonous and venomous? Do we have venomous snakes at Fort Harrison? What amphibians call Fort Harrison home?

**April** April 14, 2016

## *Indiana Fungi and Lichen*

Do you know how to identify native fungi and lichen? Come explore and discover nature's recyclers.

**May** May 12, 2016

## *Indiana Birds*

Learn the basics of identifying birds by marks, behavior, and sounds. Then go on a hike outside to practice your birding skills.

**June** June 9, 2016

## *Indiana Wildflowers*

Learn about the flowers that indicate that spring is on its way! Then discover the beautiful flowers that bloom in the prairies.

**July** July 14, 2016

## *Indiana Rivers and Fish*

One fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish... What fish are native to our waterways? Did you know there are non-native fish, plants, and animals that cause harm to our native species?

**August** August 11, 2016

## *Indiana Mammals*

Skulls and pelts and tracks and scat... Discover our most common mammals that call Indiana home. Learn how to identify tracks you just discovered or what dropped that pile of poo you just stepped in.

**September** September 8, 2016

## *Indiana Trees*

Can you identify the different types of maple and oak trees? Learn how to identify 50 of Indiana's native trees using a simple dichotomous key.

**October** October 13, 2016

## *Indiana Insects and Spiders*

Is that critter venomous or poisonous? Do all spiders bite? Is that a Brown Recluse? Learn all about Indiana insects and spiders including where they live and what they do for you besides sending shivers up your spine.

**November** November 10, 2016

## *Conservation*

How can you preserve and protect our natural resources for present and future generations? How did early naturalists do it? Learn all this and more!

**December** December 8, 2016

## *Graduation*

You've done it! You have completed all the classes and volunteer hours. Come celebrate with a little holiday fun!

**\*Come dressed for the weather! Most classes will have an outdoor element!**

# Indiana Master Naturalist at Fort Harrison State Park



*An introductory program of nature discovery and service learning for adults.*

*For more information, contact the Visitor Center at (317) 591-0122 or by email at [fortinterp@dnr.in.gov](mailto:fortinterp@dnr.in.gov).*

# Registration Form

## Indiana Master Naturalist Program 2016 At Fort Harrison State Park

### Limited Enrollment

Minimum 10 / Maximum 30

Registration Deadline is December 31st, 2015

#### How to pay:

\$85 per student for the entire year

- 🌿 12 classes (must attend at least 10)
- 🌿 All course related materials
- 🌿 IMN state accreditation

#### *Please Note:*

*All participants must either pay the gate fee to enter the park or purchase an annual entrance pass for the year. We will **NOT** be covering the cost of the pass in the fee for the 2016 IMN program.*

#### Complete the following information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Return form with payment to:

Fort Harrison State Park

Attn: Naturalist – IMN Class 2016

5753 Glenn Road

Indianapolis, IN 46216

\*Make checks payable to the Museum of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Warfare.

## Become a certified Indiana Master Naturalist in 2016...

*The mission of the Indiana Master Naturalist program is to bring together natural resource specialists with adult learners to foster an understanding of Indiana's plants, water, soils, and wildlife, and promote volunteer service in local communities.*



### 🌿 🌿 *What is the purpose of the IMN program?*

The Indiana Master Naturalist (IMN) Program can provide participants with many hands-on opportunities to learn about our Hoosier natural resources. It also provides a way for you to share that knowledge, along with your life experiences, through volunteer service to natural resource organizations.

### 🌿 🌿 *Who can participate and what are the benefits?*

Open to any adult (18 and older), but in general, course participants are Hoosiers with a genuine love for the outdoors. They take the IMN program to expand their knowledge of plants, wildlife, soils, and other natural resources in Indiana. They expect to volunteer in some capacity during/after coursework.

#### *Benefits*

- 🌿 *Experience unique presentations and hands-on opportunities led by specialists in the field.*
- 🌿 *Meet others who have a similar interest in the outdoors.*
- 🌿 *Gain personal satisfaction from “giving back” through volunteer service.*
- 🌿 *And so much more!*

### 🌿 🌿 *What is expected of participants?*

To graduate from the course and become certified as an Indiana Master Naturalist, participants must:

- 🌿 Attend least 10 of the 12 sessions.
- 🌿 Complete 30 hours of volunteer time.
- 🌿 Complete an open book test after the course.

*“Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves.” ~ John Muir*

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