

Indiana Master Naturalist Program

- 2018 Training Program – Ouabache State Park –

Sponsored by Ouabache State Park, Friends of Ouabache State Park, Wells County
Purdue Extension and Limberlost SHS

Are you interested and intrigued by nature and the environment? Do you want to learn more about Indiana’s natural resources and share this information with others? If so, then we have just the program to meet your needs.

The Indiana Master Naturalist Program is an educational/volunteer program developed by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and Purdue Extension Service to provide citizens with hands-on opportunities to learn about Indiana’s natural features and resources. The purpose of the program is to:

- Bring together natural resource specialists with adult learners (18 years and older) to foster an understanding of Indiana’s plants, wildlife, forests and wetlands, and to promote volunteer service in local communities.
- Provide an educational opportunity for course participants to volunteer with a local agency or organization involved in natural resource management.

IMNP Information

⇒ The training program includes 9 sessions which will be held on Wednesday mornings from 9am-noon, sites include Wells County Purdue Extension, Ouabache State Park Lodge, Limber lost SHS (Geneva) and various stops in Wells County. Students are responsible at arriving to sites on time.

⇒ A fee of \$75 will be charged to cover supplies (notebook and handouts) and expenses.

⇒ The sessions begin on March 14 and end on May 9. The Final Exam is Wednesday, May 9.

⇒ Participants **must attend the orientation meeting** on Wednesday March 14.

⇒ Participants **must** attend at least 7 of the 9 class sessions, complete a final exam, and complete 27 volunteer hours to obtain the Indiana Master Naturalist Certification and a pin.

⇒ Class size is limited to 30 applicants. Space is reserved on a first-come first-served basis; and space will be reserved **only** when the **\$75.00 registration fee** is paid.

⇒ Registration / fees are due by Tuesday, March 5.

You will receive an email or letter inviting you to orientation if you are among the first 30 to register.

Class Schedule

Date	Sessions*:	Instructor:	Time:	Location:
3/14	Orientation/Interpretation Misc	Jody Heaston - IDNR	9am-12:00pm	Ouabache SP
3/21	Geology- Glaciers	Little Rivers Wetland Project	9am-12:00pm	Ouabache SP
3/28	Wabash River Water	Variety	9am-12:00pm	Purdue Extension
4/4	Botany Tour	Variety	9am-12:00pm	Acres/ Norwell
4/11	People Natural Resource	Limberlost staff	9am-12:00pm	Limberlost SHS
4/18	Zoology-	Limberlost staff	9am-12:00pm	Loblolly Marsh
4/25	Insects- Honey Bee Zoology	Bill Horan – Purdue Ext Honey Bee Farm	9am-12:00pm	Ouabache SP
5/2	Botany	Deam Oak- Along Wabash John Woodseeman	9am-12:00pm	Purdue Extension
5/9	Scat and Final Exam Misc	Required – No makeup	9am-?	Ouabache SP

***Note-** Some sessions will require moderate walking.

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Wells County Training Series: 2018

Registration Form:

Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Registration Fee = \$75.00 Cash or Check, Payable to: Friends of Ouabache State Park

Mail completed registration and fee to:

**Ouabache State Park, Attn: IMN Class
4930 E. State Rd 201
Bluffton, IN 46714**

Or drop off your registration / fee at the Ouabache State Park Office or Wells County Purdue Extension
Questions? Contact Jody Heaston jheaston@dnr.in.gov or 260-437-8650 or Bill Horan horan@purdue.edu or 260-824-6412

Important Notes:

- Deadline for Registration is March 5
- Class size is limited to 30 students (first-come, first-served basis.)
- Space will only be reserved when the registration is completed and the fee is paid.
- Your registration fee will be returned if we are unable to reserve a space for you or if you decide not to attend the class and notification is given prior to the orientation session.
- Students accepted into the class must attend orientation session on March 14.
- Money will NOT be returned after orientation.
- Students are waived state park entrance fee during class time.

If you have special needs, please indicate on the registration form,
or call us at 260-824-6412 prior to the orientation session.