



Application Process:

To receive an application, contact OSU Extension in Mahoning County.

We accept applications year-round for training program. Our next class will be in early 2019.

Spaces in the class will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Class size is limited to 24 participants.

You must be at least 18 years old to apply.

Cost:

Registration is \$200.00 due within two weeks of admission to the program. The price includes a binder manual, additional handouts, state fees and related costs for conducting the program.

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Our Partners

Beaver Township Nature Preserve

Beaver Creek Wildlife Education
Center

Ford Nature Center at Mill Creek
MetroParks

Huston-Brumbaugh Nature Center

Northeast Ohio Forestry Association

Villa Maria Education and
Spirituality Center



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OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION



Become an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist

Mahoning County
Ohio State University Extension

OCVN Mission:

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

**OSU Extension
Mahoning County
mahoning.osu.edu**

If you have a strong interest in Nature and enjoy helping others, you are invited to apply to become an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist

Training Topics include:

- * Soil, Geology and Watersheds
- * Ecology and Stewardship
- * Botany & Forests
- * Entomology & Herpetology
- * Ornithology & Mammals
- * Working with the public & communication skills

The Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist (OCVN) role is to support partners in meeting the needs of our citizens in the area of natural resources by assisting with educational programs. This includes identifying and educating the public about invasive species, diagnosing plant problems, giving public presentations relating to nature, hosting events for the public, staffing educational booths and other various opportunities.

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



Learn more about the OCVN program at ocvn.osu.edu.

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.

