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Alabama Master Naturalist Program

Everyday citizens learning about Alabama’s natural resources and in return become volunteer educators, citizen scientists, and stewards helping Alabamians conserve and manage natural resources and public lands.

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People who are curious about nature, enjoy the outdoors, and want to learn more about Alabama’s natural resources are perfect candidates to participate in the Alabama Master Naturalist Program. In addition, participants will be provided with numerous opportunities to contribute to natural resource management and conservation in Alabama.

The Alabama Master Naturalist program has been developed to promote awareness, understanding, and respect of Alabama’s natural world among its citizens and visitors. The AMN program will strive to educate participants about our State’s natural resources while also helping to develop a statewide corps of well-informed volunteers providing education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities.

Becoming a Certified Alabama Master Naturalist:

- Starts with completing a 40-hour basic training course offered through the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and its partner organizations
- Requires 40 hour of volunteer service per year to be a fully certified Alabama Master Naturalist
- Requires an additional 30 hours of advanced training over a three year period

The basic training course covers the background knowledge and skills that every naturalist needs to have. Topics include:

- Alabama biogeography
- Core biology topics such as ornithology, (the study of birds) and botany (the study of plants)
- Management and conservation of ecological systems such as forests and wetlands
- Education and Interpretation Skills
- Citizen Science and Research Skills

Each workshop will be designed to meet the needs of the participants and to fit the local geography and environmental issues.

To be an Alabama Master Naturalist, participants are required to do 30 hours of volunteer service during their first year of training. In the following years, participants are encouraged to complete 40 hours of volunteer service. These projects can be as diverse as the Master Naturalists themselves.

- Education—Teach adults and youth about nature!
- Citizen Science—Collect data on wildlife and plant populations, water quality, and more!
- Stewardship—Restore wildlife habitat, install a rain garden, or build a trail in

Cost: The cost for this train is $200.00

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