

# Course Registration

The Alabama Master Naturalist Program will offer a course in East Central Alabama beginning October 13, 2016. The eight-session course will be hosted by Tallapoosa County Extension on Thursdays from 9 am. to 4 p.m.

## Dates and Topics:

**October 13, 2016**

Taxonomy, Botany and Native Plants

**October 27, 2016**

Freshwater Ecosystems and Living Streams

**November 10, 2016**

Forests and Ecosystems

**December 8, 2016**

Birds and Mammals

**January 19, 2017**

Amphibians and Reptiles

**February 9, 2017**

Geology, Soils and Weather

**February 23, 2017**

Alabama's Cultural Landscape

**March 9, 2017**

Invertebrates (Insects)

**The cost for the course is \$30 per class or \$200 for all 8 sessions.**

**Register Online at:**

**[www.aces.edu/Tallapoosa](http://www.aces.edu/Tallapoosa)**

**OR**

**by calling Tallapoosa County Extension at (256) 825-1050.**

**Registration Deadline is Friday, October 7, 2016.**

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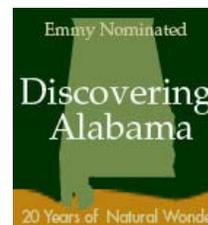
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## East Central Alabama Fall 2016

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





*People who are curious about nature, enjoy the outdoors, and want to learn more about Alabama's natural resources are the 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 for Alabama's natural world among its citizens and visitors. This 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.

To become an Alabama Master Naturalist:

- ◆ Starts with completing a **40-hour basic training course** offered through the Alabama Cooperative Extension and its partner organizations.
- ◆ Requires **30 hours of volunteer service** during the first year of training to become 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:

- ◆ Taxonomy, Botany and Native Plants
- ◆ Freshwater Ecosystems and Living Streams
- ◆ Forests and Ecosystems
- ◆ Birds and Mammals
- ◆ Amphibians and Reptiles
- ◆ Geology, Soils and Weather
- ◆ Alabama's Cultural Landscape
- ◆ Invertebrates (including Insects)
- ◆ Education and Interpretation Skills
- ◆ Citizen Science and Research Skills



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

The Alabama Master Naturalist Program helps people become more knowledgeable about the environment around them. This gives them the opportunity to connect to natural resources and their community in a personal way. Whether you are a life-long outdoorsman or a beginner, this program is designed to assist anyone that wants to be a part of the nature around them.



Participants are encouraged to complete 30 hours of volunteer service per year. 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 a public setting!