

TENNESSEE NATURALIST PROGRAM

2020/2021 Course Schedule – Owls Hill Nature Sanctuary

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Session A: Thursdays
1 pm - 5:30 pm*
Bring a Snack

Session B: Saturdays
9 am - 1:30 pm*
Bring a sack lunch

* unless otherwise noted below

Topic	Dates	Instructor
Becoming a Naturalist	Session A: Thursday Aug. 20, 2020 Session B: Saturday Aug. 22, 2020	Margie Hunter, Author
The World of Invertebrates: Pollinators, Predators, and Pests	Session A: Thursday Sept. 17, 2020 Session B: Saturday Sept. 26, 2020	Dr. Kaushalya Amarasekare, TN State University Dr. Steve Murphree, Belmont University
Feathered Fauna: The Birds of Tennessee <i>Both Sessions: 7:30 am - Noon</i>	Session A: Thursday Oct. 22, 2020 Session B: Saturday Oct. 24, 2020	David Hanni, TN Wildlife Resources Agency
The Ecology and Geology of Tennessee	Session A: Thursday Nov. 12, 2020 Session B: Saturday Nov. 14, 2020	Margie Hunter, Author
Tennessee Mammals: Creatures of Habitat	Session A: Thursday Jan. 14, 2021 Session B: Saturday Jan. 16, 2021	David Coats, TNP Alum
Tennessee Reptiles and Amphibians: Scutes, Scales and Skin <i>Both Sessions: 1 - 5:30 pm</i>	Session A: Thursday Feb. 25, 2021 Session B: Saturday Feb. 27, 2021	Pandy Upchurch, TN Wildlife Resources Agency
Trail Building (Bonus Class) **NEW** <i>9 am - 1:30 pm</i> <i>Bring work gloves, lunch and refillable water bottle</i>	Saturday Mar. 13, 2021	Michael Meister, TN State Parks
Forests and Trees of Tennessee	Session A: Thursday Mar. 25, 2021 Session B: Saturday Mar. 27, 2021	Dave Walters, TN Division of Forestry (retired) Dr. Cindi Smith-Walters, MTSU Center for Environmental Education
Forbs, Ferns, Mosses, and More: Herbaceous Plants and Fungi of Tennessee	Session A: Thursday, Apr. 15, 2021 Session B: Saturday, Apr. 10, 2021	Margie Hunter, Author
Nocturnal Naturalist <i>BOTH Sessions: 4pm - 8:30pm</i>	Session A: Thursday May 6, 2021 Session B: Saturday May 8, 2021	Ranger Leslie Ann Rawlings, Long Hunter State Park
Tennessee's Living Waters	Session A: Thursday May 20, 2021 Session B: Saturday May 22, 2021	Catherine Price, Cumberland River Compact



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REGISTRATION conveys a commitment to class work AND volunteer hours (40). Volunteer hours must be completed within 15 months of date of first class. Participants must be 18 years of age or older.

ATTENDANCE is required. Students missing 3 classes will be dropped from the program (no refund). Students may register for a future class at full price.

WHAT TO BRING: Bring a refillable water bottle. Dress for the weather (unless under severe weather threat, sessions are rain or shine). Attire and closed-toe footwear should be appropriate for hiking and outdoor activities. Depending on the season, consider bringing sunscreen, hat and bug spray. *Depending on COVID-19 protocols, all students should bring and wear a facial covering when unable to maintain recommended physical distancing around other students, instructors and staff.*

MAKEUPS: There is no refund for missed classes. Makeup class attendance is contingent on available space. Registration includes two (2) free makeup classes at home chapter; \$25/class after that. Please confirm a spot by emailing laura@owlshill.org in advance of the desired class.

CERTIFICATION: Students have 15 months from the date of class start to complete volunteer work toward initial certification. Final assessment is required and you must get at least a 70 to earn certification.



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