



**Tennessee Naturalist Program  
Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary Chapter  
2026-27 Core Course Schedule**

The Owl's Hill chapter typically offers two sessions of the core course: a Thursday afternoon session and a Saturday session. Both sessions typically meet once or twice a month from August-May. Note that the chapter determines their own schedule and the schedule is subject to change year to year. To schedule a make-up class, contact chapter coordinator Laura Smith at [laura@owlshill.org](mailto:laura@owlshill.org).

Class Name	Date and Time
Becoming a Naturalist: Scope, Skills, and Service	Thursday, August 13 1:00pm-5:30pm CT Saturday, August 15 9:00am-1:30pm CT
The World of Invertebrates: Pollinators, Predators, and Pests	Thursday, September 17 1:00pm-5:30pm CT Saturday, September 26 9:00am-1:30pm CT
Geology and Ecology: Foundation and Context	Thursday, October 8 1:00pm-5:30pm CT Saturday, October 10 9:00am-1:30pm CT
Tennessee Mammals: Creatures of Habitat	Thursday, October 29 1:00pm-5:30pm CT Saturday, October 31 9:00am-1:30pm CT
Birds of Tennessee: Feathered Fauna	Thursday, November 12 7:30am-12:00pm CT Saturday, November 14 7:30am-12:00pm CT
Tennessee Reptiles and Amphibians: Scutes, Scales, and Skin	Thursday, February 25 1:00pm-5:30pm CT Saturday, February 27 1:00pm-5:30pm CT
Tennessee Forests: Seeing the Forest and the Trees	Thursday, March 11 1:00pm-5:30pm CT Saturday, March 13 9:00am-1:30pm CT
Forbs, Ferns, Mosses, and More: Plants and Fungi of Tennessee	Thursday, April 15 1:00pm-5:30pm CT Saturday, April 17 9:00am-1:30pm CT
Tennessee's Living Waters: Rivers, Wetlands, and Watersheds	Thursday, April 22 1:00pm-5:30pm CT Saturday, April 24 9:00am-1:30pm CT
Nocturnal Naturalist: Darkness Is Habitat	Thursday, May 6 4:30pm-9:30pm CT Saturday, May 8 4:30pm-9:30pm CT