



**Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist
Summer Field Day
15 July 2017**

**A Story to Tell:
Building Your Ohio Natural
History Knowledge and
Interpretive Skills**

The Wilderness Center ~Wilmot, Ohio

Join us for the first ever **Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Field Day**. This one day event will allow you to obtain your eight hours of continuing education while building your natural history knowledge and interpretive skills. The day features a combination of field and classroom activities as well as an OCVN networking lunch and exciting keynote by The Wilderness Center's executive director, Dr. Jeff Corney.

Field Day Schedule

8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:15	Welcome
9:15-10:45	Long Session
11-12:15	Short Sessions (11-11:20, 11:25-11:45, 11:50-12:10)
12:15-1:15	Lunch, networking, and discussion groups
1:15-2:15	Keynote - Jeff Corney
2:15-3:45	Long Session
3:45-4:00	prizes, awards, evaluations

Cost: \$30, includes lunch

How to Register

Print out the registration form from wildernesscenter.org, fill it out, and send it in with your payment. You may also register with a credit card by calling 330.359.5235

Registration Deadline
01July17

Long Session Options

Select two choices and indicate these on the registration form. You will be assigned one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Butterfly Walk

Lynda Price

Think that you don't know enough about butterflies to take a group on a butterfly walk? Never fear! Join me as we take a short walk to learn the techniques and props I use on these identification walks. You will learn the "tricks" to identify the 10-12 most common butterflies that make up about 90% of your butterfly watching.

Geology Hike

Karrie McAllister

Enjoy a hike through Ohio's geologic history! Earth Science easily presents itself as a story and in this session you'll learn how to introduce geologic concepts to your students. We'll cover basic Ohio geology and look at some samples in the field. This hike will leave from the Pioneer Parking lot and will be an easy 1.25 miles.

Tips and Tricks for Telling the Story

Herb Broda

Hiking with children can be both challenging and rewarding! Join us for a lively session focusing on ways to lead nature walks with children in grades 1-8. First, we will talk a bit about grade level expectations and tips for structuring a walk. Much of the session will be outside to try out several sample activities designed to maintain interest and encourage greater awareness of nature. Activities are appropriate for a wide range of ages, and require little or no equipment.

Birding Beyond Binoculars

Carrie Elvey

Are you intimidated to lead a bird walk because you don't see yourself as a birder or can't identify every bird by its call? Me too! This class will cover basic bird anatomy, nest building, social structure, and lots more. Most importantly, it will give you some ideas on leading a new brand of bird walk; where we don't simply point out and name birds, but tell their stories as part of the larger ecological picture.

Short Session Options

You will have the opportunity to attend three of these sessions. Sign-ups will be at the registration table at the conference.

Teaching Tips with Early Learners

Terri Brest

Connect young children with nature using techniques that sneak in learning while having fun. We'll discuss techniques to engage preschool and kindergarten children by appealing to their senses, curiosity, and sense of wonder.

Working with Animal Ambassadors

Krista Pochedly-Davis

Discover the ways in which education animals can add life and interest to your nature programs. From animal handling to hands-off animal displays, there is a technique for every comfort level! Review the laws and care guidelines for Ohio wildlife and learn how to engage your audience with education animals.

Remains of the Day

Carrie Elvey

Skulls are great artifacts to share with a group, whether you find them during a hike or bring them into a classroom. We'll talk about common skull characteristics and what they tell us about the life of the animal.

Edible Geology: Big Concepts, Big Appetites

Karrie McAllister

Geology is often too large a scale for the average student to understand. Using familiar props like food to demonstrate geologic ideas is not only helpful, it's delicious! We'll discuss (and snack on) basic rock types and glaciers in these sessions.

Nature Journaling

Kate Peresie and Janet Ellsworth

In a nature journaling program, participants get together to draw and write, each creating a journal of their observations in and of nature. It's fun! We'll share our experiences with programs, sponsored by Richland County Park district, for school-aged children and adults/families. Examples and suggestions to help you get started will be provided.

Environmental Chemistry

Jean Paddock

Chemistry is all around us, but often overlooked in our typical interpretive hikes. This session will help you add chemistry "magic" to your interpretive hikes.

Lunch Discussion Groups

These groups will be held over the lunch hour. You can go to whichever you choose - or use the time to network, socialize, or visit the bookstore.

OCVN Volunteer Organizer - Steve Upperman

Using Educational Animals - Krista Pochedly-Davis

OCVN from the OSU perspective - Anne Baird and Joe Bonnell

2018 OCVN Conference Planning - Eva Rodriguez

Keynote Address

Teaching Complex Science and Controversial Issues Using Story and Metaphor

Dr. Jeff Corney

Explaining the often complex science behind current environment issues—such as climate change, energy resources, water resources, and land use—can be challenging for educators. It can be daunting when asked provocative questions, particularly when addressing an audience with varied backgrounds. Using story, analogy and metaphor to frame explanations can help convey the complex science, as well as provide humor and a sense of familiarity that can soften the tension of controversial issues without compromising the science.

Local Lodging

If you are coming to the area the night before, here are some local lodging options. We are in the heart of Amish Country, so there are lots of bed and breakfasts in the area. We are 20-30 minutes from Millersburg, Berlin, Wooster and Canton.

Inn at Amish Door - 5 minutes away
1210 Winesburg St.
Wilmot, Ohio 44689
amishdoor.com

Ramada Inn -12 minutes away
509 S Wooster Ave (I-77 exit 87)
Strasburg, OH 44689
1.330.878.1400

Evergreen Park RV resort (campground) - 5 minutes away
16359 Dover Rd
Mount Eaton Ohio
888.359.6429

Looking for something else?
visitamishcountry.com is a clearing-house for lodging, attractions, and shops in the area.

Friday Options

Herb and Carrie's Excellent Amish Country Tour, 10:00-3:00

Join Herb Broda and Carrie Elvey for a van tour around the beauty of Amish Country. Along the way, we will make a variety of stops that will help us understand the Amish culture and the natural history of the area. See tour flier for more information. (Additional cost: \$25, does not include lunch - we'll eat at a local Amish-run restaurant)

Happy Hour at JAFB Brewery, 6pm

Join The Wilderness Center Chapter at this local brewery in Wooster Ohio. We'll talk (briefly) about a successful series of programs - *Beasts & Brews* and *Wine & Wilderness* - then network and enjoy the evening. The brewery does not serve food, but we will coordinate orders from local restaurants that deliver. The Brewery is located at 120 Beall Avenue Wooster, OH 44691, 330.601.1827