Application Process:

To receive an application, contact Leslie Bline at The Dawes Arboretum (see contact information on back panel).

Deadline for submitting an application is Thursday, January 31.

Spaces in the 2019 course will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Course size is limited to 18 participants.

You must be at least 18 years old to apply.

Cost:
Registration is $175.
Checks can be made payable to: LCSWCD

For information on the course or to obtain an application, contact the host:

The Dawes Arboretum
Attn: Leslie Bline
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Newark, OH 43056
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For general information about the OCVN program:
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Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Course
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OCVN Mission
To promote awareness and citizen stewardship of Ohio’s natural resources through science-based education and community service.

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**Course Schedule**

See the course schedule below, right for details. Course locations will vary from week to week.

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**Certification Requirements:**
To become an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist, you must:

- Complete 40 hours of instruction
- Perform 40 hours of approved volunteer service within the first year
- After certification, 20 hours of volunteer service and 8 hours of advanced training are required annually

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### The 2019 Course Schedule

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**Program Benefits:**
Learn about the biology, ecology and natural history of Ohio from many of the state’s leading experts.

Become part of a local and statewide network of dedicated volunteers.

Apply your talents and passion to protecting, restoring and understanding Ohio’s natural treasures.

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