**Our MEEC Partners:**
Headwaters Outdoor Education Center
ECO Center LLC
Morrow County Recycling and Litter prevention
Morrow SWCD
Terradise Nature Center
Mt. Gilead State Park
Morrow County Park District
ODNR Division of Wildlife
OSU Extension – Morrow County
Marion County Park District

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**Application Process:**
To receive an application, contact Becky Barker (see contact information on back panel) or go to the following link. [https://go.osu.edu/morrowocvn](https://go.osu.edu/morrowocvn)

**Deadline for applying is Monday, July 13th.**
- Course size is limited to 20 participants (Minimum of 10 needed). You must be at least 18 years old to apply.
- Virtual plans are being made if OSU Extension policy does not allow us to meet face to face due to Covid-19 the course may involve virtual presentations and/or online learning components.

**Cost:**
Registration is $165 due upon acceptance into OCVN program – three-part payment plan available as per request. Course costs includes educational manual, lunch on Saturdays, lite snacks, t-shirt and badge (when completed).

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

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**Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Course**
Hosted By
Morrow Environmental Education Committee
In collaboration with The Ohio State University

**OCVN Mission**
To promote awareness and citizen stewardship of Ohio’s natural resources through science-based education and community service.
**Certification Requirements:**
To become an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist, you must:
- Complete 40 hours of instruction, create and present a lesson plan for the exam.
- Perform 40 hours of approved volunteer service within the first year
- After certification, 20 hours of volunteer service and 8 hours of continuing education are required annually

*Service can be: Education for any age, Citizen Science (Data collection), Land Stewardship, and Program Support*

**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.

More information about our presenters is at the following link: [https://go.osu.edu/morrowocvn](https://go.osu.edu/morrowocvn)

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### The 2020 Course Schedule

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

**Tuesday & Thursday – 6-9 PM**

**Saturday’s – 9 AM – 3 PM**

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