

May 24, 2019

Dear Potential Missouri Master Naturalist,

The Osage Trails Missouri Master Naturalist chapter's training for new members starts July 25. **We are holding an Orientation Open House on June 18 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Kansas City Regional Office** (12405 SE Ranson Rd, Lee's Summit, MO 64082). You are not required to attend this program, but it is strongly encouraged. We will cover program details and chapter members will be on hand to answer all your questions.

The mission of the Missouri Master Naturalist program is to engage Missourians in the stewardship of our state's natural resources through science-based education and community service. Our local chapter, Osage Trails, gave over 11,000 hours of volunteer service to our partners in 2017. Service to our partners is a very important component to the Master Naturalist program and we currently have more than a dozen partner organizations with which we work.

If you decide to apply for the training, you will be expected to attend all classroom sessions and two Saturday field sessions to complete the training. Once the initial training is complete, you will also be required to provide 40 hours of service with our partners and attend 8 hours of advanced training within one year to become certified. The volunteer service includes your Capstone project which serves as a transition from training to volunteer service. You will learn more about this during your training.

Applications are due by July 1, 2019 and can be found below. You should submit your application, \$100 class fee, volunteer conduct form (found in separate PDF file), background and liability form (found in separate PDF file), and photo release forms together as one packet. Class size is limited and Missouri residents will receive preference. If accepted, you will be required to undergo a background check which is covered as part of your fee. If you are not accepted, your \$100 will be refunded. Limited scholarships are available.

Sincerely,

Ginger Miller, Ph.D.
Conservation Education Consultant
Missouri Department of Conservation
Osage Trails Chapter Advisor

Missouri Master Naturalist Osage Trails Chapter

Tentative Fall Training Schedule

Classes are held 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the MDC Kansas City Regional Office, except field sessions. Classroom sessions are mandatory plus you must attend at least two full-day field sessions.

JULY 23	Orientation/Mentors/Board/Conservation History
JULY 30	Ecological Concepts
AUGUST 6	Interpretation
AUGUST 10	FIELD SESSION – Interpretation
AUGUST 13	Botany Basics and Saving Native Seeds
AUGUST 20	Forest Management
AUGUST 24	FIELD SESSION – Forest Management
AUGUST 27	Soils/Geology/Photos taken for directory
SEPTEMBER 3	Native Landscaping/Art of Nature
SEPTEMBER 10	Prairie and Glade Ecology
SEPTEMBER 14	FIELD SESSION – Prairie and Glade
SEPTEMBER 17	Aquatics Basics/Big River Ecology
SEPTEMBER 21	FIELD SESSION – Big River Ecology
SEPTEMBER 24	Birds & Bees (Ornithology & Entomology)
OCTOBER 1	Furbearer Management
OCTOBER 8	Fishing Regulations/Wildlife Code
OCTOBER 15	Urban Forestry & Invasive Species
OCTOBER 19	FIELD SESSION – Tree Planting & Invasive Species Removal
OCTOBER 22	Partner Night/Groups.io/Time Entry
OCTOBER 29	Graduation



PHOTO RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

I _____ authorize the University of Missouri to make pictures and sound recordings of me and use the same in any form for its purposes and consent that the pictures and recordings may be copied, published, telecast or broadcast for such purposes together with descriptions and editorial statements.

DATE: _____ SIGNED: _____



MISSOURI MASTER NATURALIST™ PROGRAM APPLICATION PACKET

The Missouri Master Naturalist program is a collaborative effort between the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and the University of Missouri Extension.

Local Chapter Partners include:

- Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center (MDC)
- Blue River Watershed Association
- Bridging the Gap
- Burr Oak Woods Conservation Nature Center (MDC)
- Burroughs Audubon Society
- George Owens Nature Park
- Heartland Conservation Alliance
- Heartland Tree Alliance (Bridging the Gap)
- Jackson County Parks & Recreation
- Kansas City Parks & Recreation (KCP&R) and Lakeside Nature Center
- Kansas City WildLands (Bridging the Gap)
- Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge
- Martha Lafite Thompson Nature Sanctuary
- Missouri River Relief
- Platte County Parks & Recreation
- Platte Land Trust
- Powell Gardens
- Seed Savers KC

Application packet is due by 5:00 p.m. July 1, 2019.

Mail or hand deliver packet to:

Missouri Master Naturalist Osage Trails Chapter
c/o University of Missouri Extension
1600 NE Coronado Dr.
Blue Springs, MO 64015
816-252-5051
Fax 816-874-4826

Ensure that all of the following documents are included in the application packet you mail in.

- _____ Application form
- _____ Liability Release
- _____ Photo Release Authorization
- _____ Volunteer Conduct Form – found in separate PDF file
- _____ Check for \$100 made payable to: **University of Missouri Extension**

You will be required to submit to a background check through MU Extension if selected.



APPLICATION FORM

Participants must be at least 18 years of age.

Please type or print clearly.

Your enrollment fee of \$100.00 must accompany the application.

Make check payable to: **University of Missouri Extension**

At least one scholarship will be available. If interested in the scholarship, please write a one-page essay explaining your interest in the program and submit it with your enrollment forms.

NAME: _____
(As you wish it to appear on your certificate)

NAME: _____
(As you wish it to appear on your nametag—if different from above)

MAILING ADDRESS:

Street _____

City _____ County _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone: Day (____) _____ Evening: (____) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (for chapter communications only): _____

OCCUPATION, if employed: _____

If retired, what was your former occupation? _____

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE, if any (not a prerequisite for participation):

- 1) Describe why you are interested in the Missouri Master Naturalist Volunteer program.

- 2) What skills or interests are you willing to contribute to the Missouri Master Naturalist Programs? (Skills may include computer, photography, typing, graphic arts, public speaking, teaching, specific knowledge, etc.)

- 3) How did you hear about the Missouri Master Naturalist Program?

_____ If accepted into this program, I understand I am required to undergo a confidential screening (Initial) for child abuse & neglect and criminal records before I begin my volunteer work, in keeping with the necessity for ensuring the safety of youth as well as providing protection for all volunteers. I understand that I may participate in the initial 40-hour training course but will not be recognized as a Master Naturalist until the records-checking process is completed and I am notified in writing of my acceptance into the program. I am assured that this process will be handled with the highest degree of confidentiality.

___YES I will be available to attend all class sessions and field trips as listed on the training schedule. I understand that I am required to attend the training class, complete 40 hours of volunteer service within 15 months of beginning training and complete 8 hours of approved advanced training in order to become a Certified Missouri Master Naturalist.

___NO I cannot make the commitment required to participate at this time, but I am still interested in the program. Please contact me when the next course is offered.

OSAGE TRAILS CHAPTER OF THE MISSOURI MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT:

I understand that in exchange for the training made possible through the Osage Trails Chapter of the Missouri Master Naturalist program, I will volunteer at least 40 hours of my time toward approved projects and successfully complete 8 hours of advanced training within 15 months of the start of the course. I understand that I will become a Certified Missouri Master Naturalist only when I complete both the training and the volunteer work. I also understand that to retain annual certification, I must successfully complete 8 hours of advanced training and 40 hours of volunteer service each year thereafter.

Signature

Date