

Northeast Arkansas Master Naturalist Chapter

Certification Program

The Northeast Arkansas Master Naturalist chapter has an open enrollment period for anyone who would like to complete the training and become a member of our chapter. Applications may be submitted at any time throughout the year. Training will be conducted throughout the year.

Naturalists-in-Training Program:

- The NEAMN chapter will enable individual members to become certified through a variety of methods. Instruction may take the form of classroom lectures and practical application of newly acquired skills or it may be completed through independent study. The subject matter covered will vary but will focus on our natural world. Training will focus on Arkansas animals, plants, geology, and conservation. Areas that will be covered include ecology, native plants and animals, geology, botany, meteorology, astronomy, public land use, interpretation, trail design and maintenance, and stream quality evaluation and testing. In addition, as volunteers that will serve in our state parks, it is important to be familiar with each park and its mission as well as become acquainted with park personnel.
- Each naturalist-in-training must complete 40 hours of training. The 40 hours of training will be monitored by a mentor assigned to assist the NIT with selecting and completing the appropriate training.
- The initial cost to enter the training program is \$100.00. \$70 will help offset the cost of training and provided materials. The remaining \$30 will cover the annual dues for the first year. When two members of the same family apply for training, the second family member's fee will be reduced.
- The training must be completed in one year. An extension may be granted if the NIT needs additional time. The extension must be approved by the mentor.



Northeast Arkansas Master Naturalist Application

Thank you for your interest in the Arkansas Master Naturalist training program.

Please type or print clearly. Return your application and a check for \$100 made payable to NEAMN. This fee includes training expenses and \$30 annual dues for the year January 1 through December 31.

Name: _____

Name as you wish it to appear on your name tag: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work: _____

Email Address: _____

T-Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL

How did you learn about the Arkansas Master Naturalist program?

Occupation (If retired, former occupation): _____

Please describe your interest in the Arkansas Master Naturalist program:

Please list any organizations you are a member of or have volunteered with in the last two years:

Please note skills and interests that could be beneficial to the Arkansas Master Naturalist program. Skills may include computers, photography, secretarial, graphic arts, public speaking, specific knowledge, etc. Please include any training or education you have relative to Arkansas, its natural resources, or the outdoors.

Master Naturalists are currently involved in the following activities. Please rate your interest in each activity.

(Circle one)	High	Medium	Low	None
Education/Public Information Trail Guide/Interpreter	H	M	L	N
Children's Programs	H	M	L	N
Field Research/Surveys Stream Team	H	M	L	N
Plant and Wildlife Census	H	M	L	N
Native Plant ID	H	M	L	N
Outdoor Labor Trail Construction	H	M	L	N
Outdoor Projects	H	M	L	N
Administration Board Officer	H	M	L	N
Committee Chair	H	M	L	N
Record Keeping	H	M	L	N
Newsletter/Website	H	M	L	N

- The Arkansas Master Naturalist program is a volunteer organization dedicated to educating its members and giving back to the community through volunteer work. In order to be an active, Certified Master Naturalist, you must commit to provide 40 hours of volunteer service in the community, acquire 8 hours of continuing education training, and pay \$30.00 in annual dues.
- I also understand that some community organizations may require the completion of a background check in order to work in areas where children are present. I will comply with that stipulation when requested.
- By signing my name below, I am stating that I am at least 18 years of age, understand the premise of the Arkansas Master Naturalist program, and intend to become an active, Certified Master Naturalist.

Signature

Date

Submit application and payment to NEAMN, C/O Patty Sue Camp, P.O. Box 1109, Paragould, AR 72451.