

James L. Goodwin Conservation Center's

Master Naturalist Program

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the James L. Goodwin Conservation Center's Master Naturalist Program. This program is designed for people who want to expand their knowledge and awareness of the natural environment. Participants will receive in-depth instruction, both in the classroom and the field, on a comprehensive range of topics, including plants, soils, birds, habitats, mammals, forestry, and aquatic systems.

The classroom training will be held at the James L. Goodwin Conservation Center in Hampton, CT with field studies at various locations across the state in addition to the Center. Following the formal instruction period, students will participate in a variety of activities including a short research project, special educational programs at Goodwin Conservation Center and various other locations throughout Connecticut, field trips and educational outreach.

The Level I certification, Apprentice Naturalist, is a pre-requisite for the Level II Master Naturalist certification. The Level II training is a more intense program, with participants conducting a more in-depth research project and deeper study of new and previously studied topics.

Enclosed please find information on the application process as well as the application form, program requirements, and fees. If you have any further questions, feel free to contact the James L. Goodwin Conservation Center.

James L. Goodwin Conservation Center

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2019 Master Naturalist Program

APPLICATION PROCESS (Level 1)

- A completed application must be postmarked by **March 9th, 2019** and submitted to:
James L. Goodwin Conservation Center, 23 Potter Rd. Hampton, CT 06247.
- Letters of acceptance will be mailed by **Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019**.
- If accepted into the Master Naturalist Level I program, payment in the form of a check for **\$275.00** must be postmarked no later than **Tuesday April 9th, 2019**.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

LEVEL I: APPRENTICE NATURALIST (Spring 2019)

- 35 + hours formal classroom/field training consisting of 7 classes. Attendance mandatory on 4/27. Students are expected to attend all sessions, with one excused absence if necessary.
 - 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22 9:00AM-3:00PM
- Cost: \$275.00. Scholarships available.
- Short research project with report on the findings.
- Attend at least one field trip, date to be determined.
- Attend at least three out of ten special programs offered as a part of the James L Goodwin Conservation Center's Environmental Education Series.
- 25 hours of educational outreach.
- All requirements completed by September 10th, 2019.
- **Must be 16 years or older.**

LEVEL II: MASTER NATURALIST (Fall 2019)

- Successful completion of Apprentice Naturalist, Level I and an additional payment of \$275.00.
- 35 + hours formal classroom/field training consisting of 7 classes taught by specialist in their fields. Dates TBD.
- Focus area of research in one or two topics.
- In-depth research project in area of focus and report on the findings.
- Attend at least two of five special programs offered as a part of the Goodwin Centers Environmental Education Series.
- 25 hours of educational outreach.

COURSE MATERIALS

- Participants will receive a Master Naturalist manual, field notebook, textbook and hand lens.

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Master Naturalist Application

<i>Please type or print:</i>			
Last Name:		First Name:	
Name as you wish it to appear on your name tag:			
Street Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	County:
Phone Days:	Evenings:	Cell:	
E-mail:	County of residence:		
Occupation, if employed:	Former occupation, if retired:		
Emergency Contact Name:	Emergency Contact Phone #:		

For the following questions, use additional sheets if necessary

1. List any training or experience in environmental education, research, stewardship, or related areas. In what area(s), if any, do you specialize; e.g. native plants, forestry, management, etc.?
2. Why do you wish to take the Master Naturalist training?

3. How did you learn about the Master Naturalist program?

5. Master Naturalist activities span a broad range of educational outreach opportunities. If you are accepted into the Master Naturalist program, will you be able to complete your 25 hours of outreach by September 2019?

Yes No, please explain

6. Please rate your expertise in the following areas:

1 = experienced 2 = some knowledge 3 = none

Forestry Management

Birds

Soils

Wetlands

Amphibians/Reptiles

Ecology

Interpretation/Teaching

Insects

Natives/Invasives

Lakes/Ponds

Mammals

Plants/Trees

Rivers/Streams

8. Please list any additional skills, interests and hobbies that you have.

9. Please list organizations or clubs in which you are active.

13. Classroom materials will be posted on our web site and we will communicate primarily through email. Do you have internet access? If not, is there someone who can assist you?

Work experience (List most recent experience first)

Employer	Position or title	# of Years

Enrollment in the James L. Goodwin Conservation Center’s Master Naturalist program is limited and competitive. We may conduct telephone or personal interviews. The Master Naturalist Program periodically documents classes through photography and video for publicity purposes. Registration in the James L. Goodwin Conservation Center’s Master Naturalist Program includes permission to photograph you and use you your image in publicity materials unless you inform the photographer that you do not wish to have your photograph taken.

Partial scholarships based on financial need may be available. Please check if you would like to receive a scholarship application. _____

Do not send payment unless you receive a letter of acceptance.

No walk-ins accepted.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand all of the above.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____