**Kansas Master Naturalist 2016**

**Program Application**

Applications are due by **January 29, 2016**

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For emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**MISSION**

The purpose of the Kansas Master Naturalist Program is to develop knowledgeable & dedicated citizens who are active in promoting awareness, understanding & stewardship of the natural heritage of Kansas.

**PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES**

* Resident of South Central Kansas, have a high school diploma or equivalent, possess a broad interest in natural resources, and be interested in teaching and working with others.
* Support the objectives of the Kansas Master Naturalist program.
* Read and comprehend an extensive notebook of support materials to be used for future reference.
* Attend evening basic training sessions and field trip excursions, completing make up lessons in cases of excused absences.
* Complete 30 hours of volunteer work in approved projects and 8 hours of advanced training by December 31, 2016, after completion of basic training sessions.
* Distinction as a Kansas Master Naturalist in good standing requires annual completion of 8 hours of advanced training and 30 volunteer hours.

**TIME AVAILABLE FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

 Weekdays Evenings Saturdays Sundays

Will your employment or other regular commitments allow you to be available to participate in all ten basic training sessions, held on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. starting on February 11 through April 7, 2016 and all day on March 31? Class meeting location will vary between Wichita and Hutchinson. A full training schedule can be found at the end of this packet.

 Yes

 No, please explain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Natural Resources Experience**

Please list any training, courses, or class experience you have had on natural resources and/or environmental issues.

Circle area(s) of specialization or experience:

 Agriculture Herpetology

 Birds Insects

 Composting Landscaping

 Ecology Mammals

 Ecosystem Management Plants & Trees

 Environmental Education Soils

 Geology Weather & Climate

 Gardening Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

List natural resources or environmental group affiliation(s):

Share other volunteer or work activities:

How did you hear about the Kansas Master Naturalist program?

Have you participated in a Master Naturalist program in another state? If yes, which state?

Explain briefly why you wish to become a Kansas Master Naturalist Volunteer.

**Commitment**

Thank you for your interest in the Kansas Master Naturalist program and for completing this application. It will be carefully reviewed, and you will be contacted as soon as we begin preparations for the next training session. ***Please be sure to sign and date this agreement.***

I wish to become a Kansas Master Naturalist trainee and would be available for the training sessions which begin on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. starting on February 11 through April 7, 2016 and all day on March 31. I have also gone over the schedule and training requirements included in this packet.

I understand that if accepted into the program, I am entering into a commitment to return 30 volunteer hours to the Kansas Master Naturalist program by December 31, 2016. I further understand that continued distinction as an *active* Kansas Master Naturalist requires completion of 30 volunteer hours and 8 advanced training hours annually.

In exchange for volunteer hours, Kansas Master Naturalists receive at least 40 hours of Natural Resource training provided by natural resource professionals and recognized environmental science leaders in the community. Kansas Master Naturalists experience the camaraderie of learning and working with other nature enthusiasts.

**Kansas Master Naturalists are expected to provide information to the public based on research-based information, and to provide educational program assistance in support of county extension and other educational programs.** **Kansas Master Naturalist volunteers may not participate in the Kansas Master Naturalist Program for personal gain or for commercial recommendations or endorsements.**

Kansas Master Naturalists operate under the supervision of trained professionals who are responsible for monitoring their performance and the progress of their continuing education.

I agree to pay the $100 fee necessary to cover enrollment fees and costs for the Kansas Master Naturalist training notebook.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Class size is limited and chosen according to personal interests and the needs of the Kansas Master*

*Naturalist Program.*

Please submit completed application along with $100 registration fee to: Dillon Nature Center

 3002 E 30th Ave

 Hutchinson, KS 67502

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For questions, please contact: Mary Clark at 620-663-7411 or email mclark@hutchrec.com

 or

 Pam Paulsen at 620-662-2371 or email ppaulsen@ksu.edu