

# Kansas Master Naturalist 2018

## Program Application

Applications are due by **January 31, 2018**. Personal interviews may be conducted in early-January. Acceptance/denial letters will be mailed by February 5, 2018.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (daytime) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (evening) \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_  
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, 2018, 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 15 through April 12, 2018? Class meeting location will vary. A full training schedule can be found on Page 4 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 15 through April 12, 2018. I have also gone over the schedule and training requirements listed on Page 4 of 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, 2018. 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: Stephanie Carlson at 620-663-7411 or email [scarlson@hutchrec.com](mailto:scarlson@hutchrec.com)  
or  
Pam Paulsen at 620-662-2371 or email [ppaulsen@ksu.edu](mailto:ppaulsen@ksu.edu)

# 2018 Kansas Master Naturalist Class Schedule

*All Thursday classes are from 1pm to 4pm*

Date	Place	Topic	Person
<b>Thursday Feb 15</b>	Dillon Nature Center, Hutch	Introduction Interpretation	Dr. Ted Cable
<b>Thursday Feb 22</b>	Dillon Nature Center	Ecology	Barry Raugust
<b>Thursday March 1</b>	Dillon Nature Center	Insects Geology	Dr. Sarah Zukoff Susan Stover
<b>Thursday March 8</b>	Water Center Wichita*	Water	Kay Drennen
<b>Thursday March 15</b>	Maxwell Wildlife Refuge, Canton**	Mammals	Cliff Peterson Jim Mayhew
<b>Thursday March 22</b>	Dillon Nature Center	Birds Work on Project	Mike Rader
<b>Thursday March 29</b>	Dillon Nature Center	Fish Reptiles	Pat Silvosky Harry Gregory
<b>Thursday April 5</b>	TBA	Plants Soils	
<b>Thursday April 12</b>	Dillon Nature Center	Show and Tell Graduation	<b>Everyone</b>

Dillon Nature Center  
3002 E 30th Ave  
Hutchinson, KS 67502

\*Wichita Water Center  
101 E Pawnee St  
Wichita, KS 67211

\*\*Maxwell Wildlife Refuge  
2565 Pueblo Rd  
Canton, KS 67428