

# Kansas Master Naturalist 2020

## Program Application

Applications are due by **January 31, 2020**. Personal interviews may be conducted in early February.  
Acceptance/denial letters will be mailed by February 5, 2020.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (daytime) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (mo/date/year): \_\_\_\_\_

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, 2020, 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 13 through April 9, 2020? Class meeting locations will vary. A full training schedule can be found on Page 4 of this packet.

- Yes  
 No, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 or region in Kansas? If yes, where?

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 be held primarily on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. starting on February 13 and ending April 9, 2020. I am available for one Saturday class on March 28 and plan to participate in the Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 18. 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, 2020. 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)

## 2020 Kansas Master Naturalist Class Schedule

*All Thursday classes are from 1 pm – 4 pm.*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speakers</b>
<b>Thursday Feb 13</b>	Dillon Nature Center	Ecology	Barry Raugust
<b>Thursday Feb 20</b>	Dillon Nature Center	Interpretation Soil/Geology	TBA
<b>Thursday Feb 27</b>	Dillon Nature Center	Fish Herpetology	Pat Silovsky Harry Gregory
<b>Thursday March 5</b>	Wichita Water Center*	Water	Kay Drennen
<b>Thursday March 12</b>	Dillon Nature Center	Insects Work on Project	Sarah Zukoff
<b>Thursday March 19</b>	Maxwell Wildlife Refuge**	Mammals	Cliff Peterson
<b>Thursday March 26</b>	Dyck Arboretum Hesston#	Plants Climate & Weather	Brad Guhr Mary Knapp
<b>Saturday March 28 morning</b>	Kansas Wetlands Education Center^ Great Bend	Birds	Curtis Wolf Mike Rader
<b>Thursday April 2 Make-up date</b>			
<b>Thursday April 9</b>	Dillon Nature Center	Show & Tell Graduation	
<b>Saturday April 18 afternoon</b>	Dillon Nature Center	Earth Day Celebration	<b>Your participation</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

#Dyck Arboretum – 177 W Hickory St, Hesston, KS 67062

^Kansas Wetlands Education Center - 592 NE K 156 Hwy, Great Bend, KS 67530