

## Our Purpose

The purpose of Tennessee Naturalist Program is to teach Tennesseans about our natural world; to inspire in them the desire to learn more; and to instill an appreciation of responsible environmental stewardship.



## Class Topics Explored

Geology, Geography, Climate and Ecology

Naturalist Skills

Rivers, Wetlands and Watersheds

Invertebrates and Fish

Forest and Woody Plant Identification

Herbaceous Plants and Fungi

Birds, Mammals, Reptiles and Amphibians

Nocturnal Nature and Astronomy

Environmental Stewardship and Volunteer Preparation

## TNP Chapters

### Chattanooga Arboretum & Nature Center

[www.chattanooganaturecenter.org](http://www.chattanooganaturecenter.org)

### Ijams

[www.ijams.org](http://www.ijams.org)

### Memphis Botanic Garden

[www.memphisbotanicgarden.org](http://www.memphisbotanicgarden.org)

### Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary

[www.owlshill.org](http://www.owlshill.org)

### South Cumberland

[www.friendsofscsra.org](http://www.friendsofscsra.org)



*Inspiring the desire to learn and share  
Tennessee's nature*



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## Tennessee Naturalist Program



Field instruction\*

The Tennessee Naturalist Program (TNP) is an education training course designed to introduce the natural history of Tennessee to interested adults. The course provides a minimum of 40 hours of instruction, half in the classroom, half in the field. To become certified as a Tennessee Naturalist, participants must complete the course and a minimum 40 hours of approved volunteer service.

Graduates join a critical corps of Tennessee Naturalist volunteers providing education, outreach, and service dedicated to the appreciation, understanding and beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities.

**Cost:** Cost per person includes all classes, a notebook, some field guides and access to course handouts. Check website for more information and to find your local chapter.

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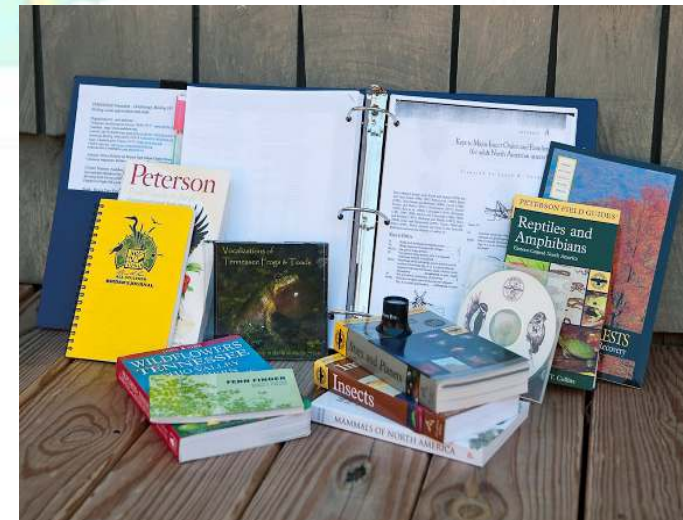
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Volunteer opportunities



Knowledgeable instructors



Course materials