

Oxley Nature Center  
Weekday Volunteer Naturalist Training  
Spring 2010



Part One: Orientation & Introduction (led by Donna Horton & Eddie Reese)  
March 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 a.m. to noon (all outside.) Meet at the Interpretive Building.  
Who are we? Who are you? What are we doing? and Why are we here? Also, how  
does it work? There will be a short guided walk emphasizing some interpretation  
methods & philosophies.  
Homework for next time: Look over the Training Manual.

Part Two: Leadership (led by Donna Horton)  
March 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. to noon (all outside.) Meet at the Interpretive Building.  
Review of the Training Manual. Discussion of emergency procedures. Guided walk emphasizes  
how to develop your own interpretive style & foster an atmosphere of co-operation & curiosity.  
Homework for next time: Look over the Riddle of the Woods material.

Part Three: Expectations (led by Eddie Reese)  
March 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. to 9:45 am (all outdoors.) Meet at the Teaching Shelter parking lot.  
How are the students prepared for their field trip; what do they already know?  
Homework for next time: look over "Aquatic Life," and the Cheat Sheets.

March 9<sup>th</sup> and/or 10<sup>th</sup> 9:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. (all outdoors.) During the first school tours of the  
season, new recruits will be teamed up with veteran volunteer naturalists. New recruits are  
encouraged to observe both school tours if they wish. Be sure to let us know which tour(s) you  
will observe, so that we can advise you of any last minute schedule changes.

Part Four: Wetlands! (led by Vinnie Robinson)  
March 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. to noon (all outdoors.) Meet at the Teaching Shelter parking lot.  
A guided trip to some of the Nature Center's wetlands will let us take a close look at animal life  
cycles and tracks, and will show opportunities to get the whole group involved and participating.  
Homework for next time: Look over "Communities, Succession, Reading the Landscape, Habitats  
& Niches."

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(There is no volunteer naturalist training during Tulsa Public Schools' spring break.)  
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Part Five: Grasslands & Forest! (led by Amy Morris)  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. to noon (all outdoors.) Meet at the Teaching Shelter  
parking lot.  
Today's tour will cover activities you can use in two more habitats. We'll also talk  
about leading your own group; each new volunteer naturalist will practice on the  
rest of the group by leading a part of this session. Be ready to take charge for a  
short while! Homework for next time: Look over the Games and Activities section of  
the Training Manual.

Part Six: Games & Strategies (led by Julie Monnot & all available staff)  
March 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. to noon (all outdoors.) Meet at the Teaching Shelter parking lot.  
By the end of today's session, we will have covered most of the Nature Center's  
trails and visited all three main habitats. Today, we'll focus on activities and  
games that teach as well as entertain. At the end, we will brainstorm some  
creative discipline techniques.

(New volunteer naturalists begin leading school tours  
the week of Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.)