

VMN Shenandoah Chapter 2018 Class Plan



Most of the classes will be held at the State Arboretum of Virginia (Blandy Experimental Farm)

Wednesdays 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Saturdays 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Day	Date	Session	Instructors	Location
Saturday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	March 17	Welcome, Introductions Field: Field Techniques for Observing Nature Lecture: Introduction into the Virginia Master Naturalists program, Famous Master Naturalists, Keeping a field journal	Alex Newhart, VMN, Education Committee Chair Lil Ledford, Environmental Educator, Blandy Experimental Farm, VMN	Blandy Community Classroom and Grounds
Wednesday 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	March 21	Lecture: Geology	Laure Wallace, Geologist, VMN	Blandy Library
Saturday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	March 24	Lecture: Weather Lecture: Soils Field: Soil Field Studies	Rick Stanford, VMN Don Flegel, Area Soil Resource Specialist, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NCRS)	Blandy Library and Grounds
Wednesday 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	March 28	Lecture: Climate Change	Laure Wallace, Geologist, VMN	Blandy Library
Saturday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	March 31	No class, Easter weekend		

Wednesday 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	April 4	No class		
Saturday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	April 7	Field: Geology	Laure Wallace, Geologist, VMN Sara Dydak, VMN	Shenandoah National Park
Wednesday 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	April 11	Lecture: Ornithology	David E. Carr, Director, Blandy Experimental Farm	Blandy Library
Saturday 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM (optional) 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	April 14	Lecture: The Shenandoah Chapter of VMN Lecture: Volunteer Management System Lecture: Bird Guidebooks and Bird ID in the field Field: Ornithology	Karen Fall, VMN, President Shenandoah Chapter Alex Newhart, VMN David Carr, Director, Blandy Experimental Farm Volunteers from VMN and Audubon Society	Blandy Library and Grounds
Wednesday 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	April 18	Lecture: Basic Ecology and the Scientific Method	Candace Lutzow-Felling, Director of Education, Blandy Experimental Farm, VMN	Blandy Library
Saturday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	April 21	Lecture: Herpetology & Wetland Ecology Field: Herpetology	Ellery Ruther, BSc, Ecology Intern, Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute	Blandy Community Classroom Field Trip - Location TBD
Wednesday 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	April 25	Lecture: Mammalogy	Belinda Burwell, DVM, Roseville Veterinary Clinic; Wildlife Veterinary Care; VMN	Blandy Library
Saturday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	April 28	Lecture: Entomology Field: Entomology	T'ai Roulston, Curator, State Arboretum of Virginia	Blandy Library and Grounds

Wednesday 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	May 2	Lecture: Botany	Sally Anderson, VMN, Past President VNPS Steve Carroll, Director of Public Programs State Arboretum of Virginia, Botanist	Blandy Library
Saturday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (may run later)	May 5	Field: Botany	Sally Anderson, VMN, Past President Virginia Native Plant Society Kristin Zimet, Virginia Native Plant Society, VMN Marion Lobstein, Northern Virginia Community College, Flora of Virginia BOD Emily Ford, Lead Environmental Educator, Blandy Experimental Farm, VMN	Sky Meadows State Park Thompson Wildlife Mgt. Area
Wednesday 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	May 9	Lecture: Land Use & Virginia Biogeography Lecture: Risk Management	TBD Tim Skinner, Park Manager, Sky Meadows State Park, VMN Shenandoah Chapter Advisor	Blandy Library
Saturday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	May 12	Lecture: Introduction to Macro invertebrates and fresh water ecology Field: Ichthyology & Shenandoah River Ecology	Emily Ford, Lead Environmental Educator, Blandy Experimental Farm, VMN Jason Hallacher, Assistant Fisheries Biologist, VA DGIF	Shenandoah University Cool Springs Campus
Wednesday 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	May 16	Lecture: Education and Interpretation	Sara Dydak, VMN	Blandy Library
Saturday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	May 19	Lecture: Dendrology Field: Dendrology	Woody Bousquet, Professor of Environmental Studies and Biology, Shenandoah University	Shenandoah University Main Campus
Wednesday 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	May 23	Class Dinner Volunteer Fair Graduation	VMN Education Committee	Blandy Library