

VMN Shenandoah Chapter 2019 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 16	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 Emily Ford, Lead Environmental Educator, Blandy Experimental Farm, VMN Lil Ledford, Environmental Educator, Blandy Experimental Farm, VMN Karen Fall, VMN, President Shenandoah Chapter Kelly Macoy, VMN, Vice President Shenandoah Chapter	Blandy Library and Grounds
Wednesday 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	March 20	Lecture: Geology	Laure Wallace, Geologist, VMN	Blandy Library
Saturday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	March 23	Lecture: Weather Lecture: Soils Field: Soil Field Studies	TBD 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 27	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	March 30	Field: Geology	Laure Wallace, Geologist, VMN Sara Dydak, VMN	Shenandoah National Park

Wednesday 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	April 3	Lecture: Climate Change	Laure Wallace, Geologist, VMN	Blandy Library
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	April 6	Lecture: Herpetology & Wetland Ecology Field: Herpetology	Jessica Meck, Lead Turtle Technician Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute	Blandy Community Classroom Field Trip - Location TBD
Wednesday 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	April 10	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 13	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 Community Classroom and Grounds
Wednesday 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	April 17	Lecture: Mammalogy	Belinda Burwell, DVM, Roseville Veterinary Clinic; Wildlife Veterinary Care; VMN	Blandy Library
Saturday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	April 20	No class, Easter weekend		
Wednesday 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	April 24	No class		
Saturday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	April 27	Lecture: Entomology Field: Entomology	T'ai Roulston, Curator, State Arboretum of Virginia	Blandy Community Classroom and Grounds

Wednesday 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	May 1	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 4	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	Sky Meadows State Park Thompson Wildlife Mgt. Area
Wednesday 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	May 8	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 11	Lecture: Introduction to Macro invertebrates and fresh water ecology Field: Ichthyology & Shenandoah River Ecology	Emily Ford, Lead Environmental Educator, Blandy Experimental Farm, VMN Lil Ledford, 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 15	Lecture: Education and Interpretation	Sara Dydak, VMN	Blandy Library
Saturday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	May 18	Lecture: Dendrology Field: Dendrology	TBD	Blandy Library
Wednesday 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	May 22	Class Dinner Volunteer Fair Graduation	VMN Education Committee	Blandy Library