

IMN 2021 Class Calendar

Date	Topic	Speaker	Location
Sep 16	Botany	Erica Forstater, Environmental Education Program Coordinator, BSU	Munsee Woods
Sep 23	Forestry	John Taylor, Land Manager, BSU Field Station and Environmental Education Center	DPAC*
Sep 25	(optional) Volunteering	Habitat Restoration Workday 10am-12pm	Munsee Woods
Sep 30	Meteorology / Climate	Kelley V. Phillips, Communications Manager, Red-tail Land Conservancy / Hans Schmitz, Ag & Natural Resources Extension Educator, Purdue University	DPAC*
Oct 7	Aquatic Ecosystems	Jason Donati, Stormwater & Recycling Educator, Muncie Sanitary District	DPAC*
Oct 14	Outdoor Skills & Survival	Tracy Alderson, Off-grid & Primitive Living expert	Munsee Woods
Oct 21	Birds	Dr. Kamal Islam, Professor, BSU Department of Biology	DPAC*
Oct 23	(optional) Volunteering	Habitat Restoration Workday Time TBA	Munsee Woods
Oct 28	Soils/Geology	Sheryl Myers, Environmental Science Educator (ret.), Marion County Schools	Ball State University (classroom TBA)
Nov 4	Bats	Dr. Tim Carter, Head of Department of Biology, BSU	DPAC*
Nov 11	The Nature of Teaching / Interpretation	Laurynn Thieme, Ag & Natural Resources Educator County Extension Director, Purdue University / Kelley V. Phillips, Communications Manager, Red-tail Land Conservancy	Ball State University (classroom TBA)
Nov 13	(optional) Volunteering	(IMN only) Habitat Restoration Workday 10am-12pm	Munsee Woods
Nov 18	People & Natural Resources	Julie Borgmann, Executive Director, Red-tail Land Conservancy	DPAC*

*Davis Purdue Ag Center

IMN 2021 FAQ for students

How big is the class?

20 students

Do I need to bring anything to the in-person class?

We recommend you bring a notepad and pen/pencil to take notes. A binder with presentation materials will be provided for you. Please bring water and you have the option to bring snacks. Though most of the classes will be held indoors, we recommend you bring outerwear appropriate for weather conditions.

Where are the meetings?

Because of the range of topics presented, the class will be hosted in three different locations. They are listed on the class calendar.

Munsee Woods: 5701 S 475 E Muncie, Indiana 47302. This nature preserve is closed to the public, but the gate will be left open for you to enter. After the gate, there is a ¼ drive to the parking area. There is no running water at this preserve but there is a composting toilet. Classes will be held in a primitive lodge.

Davis Purdue Ag Center (DPAC): 6230 IN-1, Farmland, IN 47340. This indoor facility has running water and restrooms. Parking is near the building. Behind the building is a forest the class will explore. Occasionally, there may be an opportunity to visit the nearby McVey Memorial Forest, which is a 2 minute drive south on Hwy 1.

Ball State University (BSU): BSU is located in central Muncie. The classroom's number and parking information will be provided at the beginning of class.

What time does the class begin/end?

Class begins at 6pm with a discussion about previous topics. The presentation begins at 6:30pm and ends around 8:30pm. Time for discussion, hands-on activities, exploration, and Q&A are included in that time. After the presentation, students will complete a short quiz and have time to journal.

What does the registration fee include?

The \$125 fee includes all instruction, class materials, and field guide.

When will I get my field guide?

You will receive your field guide and binder of materials at the first class. Materials may be handed out throughout the program to add to your binder.

Do I need to attend all of the classes?

To graduate from the course, you must attend 80% of the classes, meaning you can only miss two classes.

Is there a final test?

Yes. At the final class, there will be a test based on previous quizzes.

Once the course ends, am I a Master Naturalist?

No. Completing the course is the first step to being an Indiana Master Naturalist. You must also complete at least 24 volunteer hours.

Do I have to complete all of my volunteer hours during the course?

The 24 hour volunteer requirement can be completed with any natural resource organization at any time during or after the course ends. You will report that you've completed the hours to one of the course organizers and be mailed a IMN pin.

How can I complete my volunteer hours?

During this class, Red-tail Land Conservancy will offer optional public and private volunteer opportunities for IMN students. They are listed on the class calendar. After the class, you are added to a special volunteer list and will receive emails about unique opportunities from Red-tail.

If you have further questions, please contact Kelley V. Phillips, Communications & Outreach Manager at Red-tail Land Conservancy: kelley@fortheland.org or (765) 288-2587.