



# Master Naturalists

*at the Dunwoody Nature Center*



**About:** This ten week course uses a combination of lectures and hands-on learning in the field, covering a variety of nature education subjects including plant identification, foraging, forestry, stream ecology, herpetology, urban wildlife, and more! Participants will get to explore different local ecosystems, interact with native wildlife, and learn about the natural world around them! Every week will feature a different local expert that will lead a presentation and interactive program. Experts include representatives from the University of Georgia, Department of Natural Resources, Amphibian Foundation, Forest Commission, and more!

**Goal:** After completing this fun and interactive program, on site at the Nature Center with some off site field trips, Georgia Master Naturalists are encouraged to share their knowledge with their communities by volunteering & working in schools, scout programs, and nature centers.

**Cost:** \$400 per person for non-members, \$375 for Dunwoody Nature Center members.

**Included:** Ten weeks of course related material, a Master Naturalist polo shirt, certificate of completion, and name tag. We do not provide transportation or lunch.

**What to bring and wear:** Dress appropriately for the weather and bring a waterproof layer. Wear closed-toed shoes and wear clothes that can get dirty. Bring a refillable water bottle, hat, and sunglasses. Lunch is not provided, you can bring a packed lunch or purchase lunch from a nearby restaurant off-site. During field trips it is recommended to bring a packed lunch.

**Age:** This program is for adults ages 18 and over.

**Class Size:** Class size is limited to 24 participants as instructed by the University of Georgia.

**Timeline:** The program starts on September 13th, 2023 and will run for ten weeks. The program will take place every Wednesday. Each Wednesday we will host one or more local experts that will lead a four to six hour long interactive class or we will meet off-site for a field trip. A complete schedule of experts, dates, and times will be sent out to those that register. A typical Master Naturalist day will be from 9am to 4pm with a one hour break for lunch. The last day of Master Naturalists will be November 15th, 2023. The course will feature over 50 hours of material. In order to meet the University of Georgia's Master Naturalist requirements, participants must take part in at least 48 hours.

**Refund and Cancellation Policy:** If you wish to cancel your registration and receive a refund you must send a written request to [chloe@dunwoodynature.org](mailto:chloe@dunwoodynature.org), requests must be sent more than two weeks prior to the program start date of September 13th, 2023. Refunds will not be issued if a cancellation request is sent within two weeks of the start date. There are no partial refunds for missed classes. As the program contains over 50 hours of program material there is opportunity to make up missed hours in order to meet the 48 hour minimum needed to receive your certificate of completion. Classes will take place rain or shine.

**University of Georgia:** This program is created in collaboration with the University of Georgia's Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources. By signing up you agree to provide your name, address, phone number, and email. This information will be shared with the program's state coordinator at the University of Georgia. This information is used to track the reach of the Master Naturalist program. Participants will not be contacted by the university state coordinator.



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