



Kansas Master Naturalist 2025 Program Application

Applications are due by *February 14th, 2025.*

Name _____ Telephone (daytime) _____

Address _____ Telephone (evening) _____

City/Zip _____ E-mail address _____

Birthday (mo/date/year): _____

For emergency contact _____ Telephone _____

MISSION

The purpose of the Kansas Master Naturalist Program is to develop knowledgeable & dedicated citizens who are active in promoting awareness, understanding & stewardship of the natural heritage of Kansas.

PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

- Resident of Kansas, have a high school diploma or equivalent, possess a broad interest in natural resources, and be interested in teaching and working with others.
- Support the objectives of the Kansas Master Naturalist program.
- Read and comprehend an extensive notebook of support materials to be used for future reference.
- Attend evening basic training sessions and field trip excursions, completing make up lessons in cases of excused absences.
- Complete 30 hours of volunteer work in approved projects and 8 hours of advanced training by December 31, 2025, after completion of basic training sessions.
- Distinction as a Kansas Master Naturalist in good standing requires annual completion of 8 hours of advanced training and 30 volunteer hours.

TIME AVAILABLE FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Weekdays Evenings Saturdays Sundays

Will your employment or other regular commitments allow you to be available to participate in all ten basic training sessions, held on Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., starting on February 18th through April 22nd, and all day on Saturday, April 5, 2025? Class meeting locations will vary.

Yes

No, please explain: _____

Natural Resources Experience

Please list any training, courses, or class experience you have had on natural resources and/or environmental issues.

Check area(s) of specialization or experience:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Geology | <input type="checkbox"/> Mammals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birds | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Plants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Composting | <input type="checkbox"/> Herpetology | <input type="checkbox"/> Soils |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ecology | <input type="checkbox"/> Ichthyology (Fish) | <input type="checkbox"/> Trees & Shrubs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ecosystem Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Insects | <input type="checkbox"/> Weather & Climate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Education | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain): | | |

List natural resources or environmental group affiliation(s):

Share other volunteer or work activities:

How did you hear about the Kansas Master Naturalist program?

Have you participated in a Master Naturalist program in another state or region in Kansas? If yes, where?

Explain briefly why you wish to become a Kansas Master Naturalist Volunteer.

Commitment

Thank you for your interest in the Kansas Master Naturalist program and for completing this application. It will be carefully reviewed, and you will be contacted as soon as we begin preparations for the next training session. ***Please be sure to sign and date this agreement.***

I wish to become a Kansas Master Naturalist trainee and would be available for the training sessions, which will be held on Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. starting on February 18th and ending on April 22nd, and all day on Saturday, April 5, 2025.

I understand that if accepted into the program, I am entering into a commitment to return 30 volunteer hours to the Kansas Master Naturalist program by December 31, 2025. I further understand that continued distinction as an *active* Kansas Master Naturalist requires the completion of 30 volunteer hours and 8 advanced training hours annually.

In exchange for volunteer hours, Kansas Master Naturalists receive at least 40 hours of Natural Resource training provided by natural resource professionals and recognized environmental science leaders in the community. Kansas Master Naturalists experience the camaraderie of learning and working with other nature enthusiasts.

Kansas Master Naturalists are expected to provide information to the public based on research-based information, and to provide educational program assistance in support of county extension and other educational programs. Kansas Master Naturalist volunteers may not participate in the Kansas Master Naturalist Program for personal gain or for commercial recommendations or endorsements.

Kansas Master Naturalists operate under the supervision of trained professionals who are responsible for monitoring their performance and the progress of their continuing education.

I agree to pay the \$100 fee necessary to cover enrollment fees and costs for the Kansas Master Naturalist training notebook.

Signed _____ Date _____

Class size is limited so please turn in your application as soon as possible.

If you have not already done so, please submit completed application along with \$100 registration fee to:
Reno County Extension Office
2 West 10th Ave
South Hutchinson, KS 67505

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For questions, please contact: Pam Paulsen at (620)662-2371 or email ppaulsen@ksu.edu
or Patrick Bergkamp at (620) 662-2371 or email pbergkamp@ksu.edu

2025 Kansas Master Naturalist Class Schedule

All Tuesday classes are from 1 pm – 5 pm.

*Note: There is an all day field trip on Saturday, April 5
(Schedule is subject to change)*

Date	Place	Topic
Tuesday, Feb 18	Reno County Extension Office	Introductions Interpretation
Tuesday, Feb 25	Reno County Extension Office	Ecology
Tuesday, March 4	Maxwell Wildlife Refuge	Mammals
Tuesday, March 11	Reno County Extension Office	Insects Weather
Tuesday, March 18	Wichita Water Center	Water
Tuesday, March 25	KDWP – Pratt	Fish Hatchery & Education Center Tour
Tuesday, April 1	Dyck Arboretum Hesston	Plants
<i>Saturday, April 5</i>	KWEC Birding Kanopolis/Mushrooming	Field Day 10am – 5pm
Tuesday, April 8	Reno County Extension Office	Soils Geology
Tuesday, April 15	Reno County Extension Office	Show & Tell Graduation
Tuesday, April 22	Reno County Extension Office	Make Up Day

Reno County Extension - 2 W. 10th Ave., South Hutchinson, KS 67505

Mar 4 - Maxwell Wildlife Refuge - 2565 Pueblo Rd., Canton, KS 67428

Mar 18 - Wichita Water Center - 101 E Pawnee St., Wichita, KS 67211

Mar 28 – Kansas Dept. of Wildlife and Parks - 512 SE 25th Ave., Pratt, KS 67124

Apr 1 - Dyck Arboretum – 177 W Hickory St., Hesston, KS 67062

Apr 5 – KS Wetlands Education Center - 592 NE K-156 Hwy, Great Bend, KS 67530

