



WEST MICHIGAN SHORELINE NATURALIST PROGRAM

The West Michigan Shoreline Naturalist Program was created to provide the basic information about our local environments, habitats, and species to give participants the essential background in ecology and conservation. All classes are held on Saturday's from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm and will be led by trained educators and/or conservation professionals.

These sessions will be taught in both indoor and outdoor settings. There will be a classroom time of 45 to 90 minutes with the remainder of time being in the field (rain or shine). The outdoor sessions will be led on foot in a wide variety of locations throughout Muskegon County. Since some of these locations may have steep or rough terrain, appropriate attire is recommended. Automobile transportation is necessary and carpooling from to the field location can be coordinated if needed.

All participants will be provided with a training notebook, materials and resources appropriate for study. Participants should wear appropriate clothing such as boots, hat, long pants, etc. A camera, hand lens, field guides and binoculars may also prove helpful on field walks.



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Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Full payment by **February 1, 2014** -- The Program fee is reduced to \$175.00.

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Partial payment of \$100.00 due by **February 1, 2014** with the balance of \$95.00 due by **April 1, 2014**

Make checks payable to: **Muskegon Conservation District** and add the note **“Naturalist Program”** on the memo line of the check.

Mail to: Muskegon Conservation District
ATTN: Jeff Auch
4735 Holton Road
Twin Lake, MI 49457

Thank you for your interest in this Naturalist Program!



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Topic / Speaker / Location Schedule

April 12, 2014

Introduction, Geology, General Ecology, Conservation, and Sand Dunes
Jeff Auch & Joe Hill - Muskegon Conservation District
LOCATION: Laketon Township Hall

May 10, 2014

Wildflowers, Weeds and Invasive Plants
Jessie Schulte (Invasives) - Blandford Nature Center
Mary McSchmidt (Wildflowers) - Blandford Nature Center
LOCATION: Hoffmaster State Park

June 14, 2014

Aquatic Habitats and Invasive Species
Dr. Janet Vail - Grand Valley State University, Annis Water Resources Institute
LOCATION: Lake Michigan Center, GVSU-AWRI

June 28, 2014

Trees, Shrubs and Woody Vines
Dave Wilson - Independent Consulting Forester
LOCATION: Whitehall Township Hall

July 19, 2014

Wetland Habitats and Invasives to Wetlands
Justin Heslinga - Cardno JFNw
LOCATION: Laketon Township Hall

August 16, 2014

Prairie Environments
Heather Keough - U.S. Forest Service
LOCATION: Blue Lake Township Hall
Owasippe Boy Scout Reservation

To receive your certification as a “West Michigan Shoreline Naturalist”, each participant must complete the six session program and 30 volunteer hours in a conservation / environment type of setting.

