

# Volunteer Member Naturalist

## MEMBER NATURALISTS MAY SERVE IN FOUR CAPACITIES AT CNC:

**Station-Based Interpreters** are stationed along the trails or in the lobby to provide visitors with information and an up-close look at nature.

**Special Event and Program Providers** select a topic relevant to Preparing for Night, Winter Solstice, Maple Madness, or other programs and design a presentation for the public.

**Roving Ambassadors** walk the trails to meet and greet visitors, sharing seasonal tips for enjoying their visit, answering questions and keeping an eye out for misbehavior.

**Trail Guides** lead scouts and other groups on one- to two-hour hikes on general nature topics or themed walks.

## TRAINING AND SUPPORT

To become a Member Naturalist, attend the Member Naturalist Workshop to gain experience in public speaking, reading an audience, organizing information around a theme, interpretive skills, use of equipment, group management techniques, basic rule enforcement strategies and natural history information and resources.

Once you complete Member Naturalist training, you are encouraged to create new interpretive programs as often as you'd like. You will be asked to submit your outline to a CNC naturalist, who will be available to answer questions, confirm your facts and schedule a peer-review of your program prior to sign-off for you to deliver the program to the public.

## QUALIFICATIONS

Volunteers interested in becoming a Member Naturalist should have an interest and enthusiasm for sharing nature with families of all ages, have a knowledge and interest in CNC's natural history, be outgoing with good listening and speaking skills, be self-motivated and creative and must be 18 or older (teens 16 and older with approval).

## TIME COMMITMENT

Member Naturalists have flexible schedules coordinated through CNC's Volunteer Coordinator. Member Naturalists should be willing to volunteer for a minimum of 12 hours each year.

## MORE INFORMATION

For more information on becoming a Volunteer Member Naturalist, visit us online at [www.CincyNature.org/become-volunteer.html](http://www.CincyNature.org/become-volunteer.html) or contact Volunteer Coordinator Sarah Holland at (513) 831-1711 ext. 128.

*Volunteer Member Naturalists at Cincinnati Nature Center inspire passion for nature in visitors of all ages by developing and presenting their own themed 10-minute interpretive programs on local natural history topics. By becoming a Member Naturalist, you help children and adults explore and understand our natural environment using hands-on, engaging interpretive techniques.*