

**Virginia Master Naturalist  
Southwestern Piedmont Chapter**

**UPDATE Fall 2017 Training Syllabus**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Location and Time</b>
Tuesday 15 Aug	Introduction to the Virginia Master Naturalist Program, Naming, Naturalists and Journaling	Christy Deatherage VMNH	Museum 6 to 8 PM
Tuesday 22 Aug	Botany	Dr. D.B. Poli Roanoke College	Museum 6 to 8 PM
Tuesday 29 Aug	Ornithology	Mary Foster VMN	Museum 6 to 8 PM
Saturday 02 Sep	Ornithology, Wildflowers, and Dendrology Field Trip	Mary Foster and Bob Tuggle VMNs	Fieldale Walking Trail 8 to 12 AM
Tuesday 05 Sep	Interpretation and Presentation Assignment for 28 Nov	Dr. Denny Casey	Museum 6 to 8 PM
Saturday 09 Sep	SOS Training Field Trip and follow on social/mixer with Chapter members	Wayne Kirkpatrick VA SOS Stream Monitor	Pine Valley Road Bassett, VA 10 AM to 2 PM
Tuesday 12 Sep	Entomology and Invertebrates	Dr. Joe Keiper VMNH	Museum 6 to 8 PM
Friday-Sunday 15-17 Sep	VMN Statewide Conference (Optional)		Northern Virginia 4-H Center in Front Royal
Tuesday 19 Sep	Aquatic Ecosystems	Dr. Carolyn Thomas Ferrum College	Museum 6 to 8 PM
Saturday 23 Sep	Woodland Ecosystem Field Trip	Kyle Peer Virginia Tech	Reynolds Homestead 10 AM to 2 PM
Tuesday 26 Sep	Weather and Climate	Dr. Denny Casey	Museum 6 to 8 PM

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Tuesday 03 Oct	Geology, Soil Science and Physiographic regions	Dr. Jim Beard VMNH	Museum 6 to 8 PM
Saturday 07 Oct	Geology Field Trip	Dr. Jim Beard VMNH	Meet at Museum at 9 AM to 1 PM
Tuesday 10 Oct	Ichthyology	Dr. Donald Orth Virginia Tech	Museum 6 to 8PM
Tuesday 17 Oct	Biogeography	Suzie Gilley VDGIF	Museum 6 to 8 PM
Tuesday 24 Oct	Herpetology	Nell Fredricksen Ferrum College	Museum 6 to 8 PM
Tuesday 31 Oct	Mammalogy (Halloween)	Dr. Nancy Moncrief VMNH	Museum 6 to 8PM
Tuesday 07 Nov	Election Day (No Class)		
Tuesday 14 Nov	Paleontology	Dr. Alex Hastings VMNH	Museum 6 to 8 PM
Saturday 18 Nov	Paleontology Field Trip – Solite Quarry (date to be confirmed with the quarry)	Dr. Alex Hastings VMNH	Meet at Museum at 8 AM to TBD
Tuesday 21 Nov	Citizen Science and Research Skills	Michelle Prysby VMN, Virginia Tech	Museum 6 to 8 PM
Tuesday 28 Nov	Class Presentations and Test Distribution	Dr. Denny Casey	Museum 6 to 8 PM
Tuesday 05 Dec	Test Due		
TBD	Southwestern Piedmont Chapter Annual Banquet	TBD	Museum 6 to 8 PM