



# Become a Virginia Master Naturalist!



*Are you curious about nature? Do you enjoy the outdoors?  
Do you want to help conserve Virginia's natural resources?  
Do you enjoy volunteering?*

**Then you're a perfect candidate to become a Virginia Master Naturalist!**



## **What is a Virginia Master Naturalist?**

A member of the Virginia Master Naturalist Program, a statewide corps of trained volunteers providing education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities.

**How do I become a Virginia Master Naturalist?** Certification, which is done through local chapters, requires 40 hours of initial training, and 8 hours of advanced training and 40 hours of volunteer service each year. The Old Rag chapter—serving Madison, Rappahannock, Greene, Culpeper, and western Fauquier and Orange counties—is now accepting applications for training this spring.

**Where and when is the training?** Thursdays, 9 a.m.–12 p.m., August 13–November 13, at the Madison Office of the Virginia Cooperative Extension.

**How do I apply or get more information?** Contact Old Rag Master Naturalists:

*Phone:* (540) 987-9166

*E-mail:* [contact@oldragmasternaturalists.org](mailto:contact@oldragmasternaturalists.org)

*Web:* [www.oldragmasternaturalists.org](http://www.oldragmasternaturalists.org)

*Mail:* Old Rag Master Naturalists  
General Delivery  
Syria, Virginia 22743

Applications are also available at local Virginia Cooperative Extension offices and some libraries.

## **Application Deadline: June 30**

*The Virginia Master Naturalist Program is open to all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or marital or family status.*