

## **IMN 2020 FAQ**

### **How big is the class size?**

12 people.

### **What platform will the virtual meetings be held on?**

Zoom. You will be sent a single link that can be used for all of the meetings.

Canvas is the collaborative portal that will have all of the educational resources, recorded classes, quizzes and discussion boards. You will be sent a link before the course begins to create an account.

### **Where are the in-person meetings?**

Munsee Woods (5701 S 475 E Muncie, Indiana 47302). This nature preserve is closed to the public. Masks will be required and hand sanitizer will be available. There is no electricity or water at this preserve but there is a composting toilet.

### **Do I need any special equipment?**

A field guide will be sent to you by mail by Red-tail Land Conservancy. Or, you can schedule a no-contact pick up at our office in Muncie. (125 E Charles St, #200, Muncie, IN 47305)

We will require that all participants have the ability to be on camera during the classes. If you do not have web-camera capabilities, contact Red-tail Land Conservancy for an alternate option.

### **Do I need to attend all of the classes?**

You will need to view the material and take quizzes for all classes. Each class will be recorded, you are allowed to miss two classes and view the recordings.

### **Do I have to complete all of my volunteer hours during the course?**

The 24 hour volunteer requirement can be completed with any natural resource organization at any time. You will report that you've completed the hours to one of the course organizers and be mailed a IMN pin.

### **How can I complete my volunteer hours?**

Red-tail Land Conservancy will hold 2-3 optional volunteer opportunities over the 10 week course that can count towards the requirement. Those activities and dates are TBD. A list of acceptable volunteer activities is posted at [www.fortheland.org/imn](http://www.fortheland.org/imn).

### **What will happen if COVID-19 worsens?**

Because this class is almost entirely virtual, it is extremely unlikely it will be canceled. If the organizers deem it unsafe to have the in-person outdoor meetings, they will transition into virtual meetings.

You are encouraged to practice your skills and new knowledge whenever possible on your own. Skill builders and tools to help you will be provided. The Canvas discussion board will be a great place to post any questions or photos.

**Who are the speakers and what are the topics?** (subject to change)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Platform</b>
Sep 17	People & Natural Resources	Julie Borgmann, Executive Director, Red-tail Land Conservancy	In-person
Sep 23	(Optional) Zoom & Canvas online platform orientation	Laurynn Thieme, Ag & Natural Resources Educator, Purdue Extension Delaware County	Virtual
Sep 24	Bats	Dr. Tim Carter, Head of Department of Biology, BSU	Virtual
Oct 1	Forestry	John Taylor, Land Manager, BSU Field Station and Environmental Education Center	Virtual
Oct 8	Geology & Soils	Laurynn Thieme, Ag & Natural Resources Educator, Purdue Extension Delaware County	Virtual
Oct 15	Astronomy	Dayna Thompson, Assistant Planetarium Director, BSU Planetarium	Virtual
Oct 22	Birds	Dr. Kamal Islam, Professor, BSU Department of Biology	Virtual
Oct 29	Pollinators	Stephanie Schuck, Outdoor Education and Restoration Coordinator, Nina Mason Pulliam EcoLab	Virtual
Nov 5	Indiana River Ecology	Drew Holloway, Fisheries Biologist, Muncie Bureau of Water Quality	Virtual
Nov 12	Botany	Erica Forstater, Environmental Education Program Coordinator, BSU	Virtual
Nov 19	Interpretation	Kelley V Phillips, Outreach Coordinator, Red-tail Land Conservancy	In-person

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