

Nearby Nature Guide Training Calendar Spring 2012

See other side for training session details.

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11	12	13 Spring New Volunteer Orientation 6:30-8 pm @Eugene Public Library, Tykeson Room	14	15	16	17 Nearby Nature 20th Birthday Party! 1-4 pm @ Methodist Church (1376 Olive Street)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Spring Break	27	28	29	30	31

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Cycles & Signs 9-11:30 am	5 Kalapuya Life & Lore 9 am-noon	6	7 Cycles & Signs 10 am-12:30 pm Nature Games & Stories, 1-4 pm
8	9 Safety & Teaching Skills 6-8:30 pm	10 Legs, Claws, Wings, & Paws 9-11:30 am	11 Shadow Walk (Kinder Quest) 9-10:45 am @ Science Factory	12 Nature Games & Stories 9 am-noon	13 Ferns to Firs 9-11:30 am	14 Legs, Claws, Wings, & Paws 10 am-12:30 pm Ferns to Firs 1-3:30 pm
15	16 Oregon Birds Walk (Optional) 9-11 am	17 Safety & Teaching Skills 6-8:30 pm	18 Kalapuya Life & Lore 9 am-noon	19 Shadow Walk (Critter Quest) and/or Shadow Pond Study 9 am-noon @ Science Factory	20 Shadow Walk (River Quest) 9 am-noon @ Science Factory Shadow Pond Study 12-2 pm @ Science Factory	21
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My Training Plan

Note below when you plan to attend your required as well as optional trainings.

Required Trainings

1) Nature Games & Stories

Date/Time: _____

2) Cycles & Signs

Date/Time: _____

3) Legs, Claws, Wings, Paws

Date/Time: _____

4) Ferns to Firs

Date/Time: _____

5) Kalapuya Life & Lore

Date/Time: _____

6) Safety & Teaching Skills

Date/Time: _____

7) Shadow Walk

Date/Time: _____

Optional Trainings/Walks

Shadow Pond Study

Date/Time: _____

Oregon Birds Walk

Monday, April 16, 9-11 am

More Shadow Walk(s)

Dates/Times: _____



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Help Nearby Nature introduce kids to one of the world's most amazing stories...the story of life on Earth! As a

volunteer guide, you will get to know the animals and plants who are actors in this story. You will also learn about the stage on which the story takes place—in our case, Alton Baker Park.

Once you understand the story of life in our community, you can use this framework to learn about (and share) the tale of life anywhere you live or travel. Read on for more information about our Spring 2012 training sessions. See the other side of this sheet for trainings in calendar format.

● **New Guide Required Trainings** (marked with a 🌸):

New guides must attend six training sessions and shadow at least one walk with an experienced guide. Most trainings are offered twice, for scheduling flexibility. Guides who would like to help with our Pond Study Station must also shadow a Pond Study session.

● **Meeting Places and Directions:** Meet outside the Alton Baker Park Host Residence (PHR), unless noted otherwise. Most trainings are outdoors. **By Car:** Take Club Road south from MLK Blvd., turn into the park, drive past the parking lots, veer left. The PHR is on the right, past the Community Gardens. Park in the garden's gravel lot. **By Bike:** Cross Frohnmyer Footbridge, go toward Autzen Stadium, turn left at the road by the dog park. The PHR is up the road, on the left.

● **New Volunteer Orientation:** Tuesday, March 13 6:30-8 pm, Eugene Public Library, Tykeson Room. Learn about Nearby Nature's volunteer programs. Meet other volunteers. Call if you can't make this meeting!

🌸 **Nature Games and Stories (One Required):**

Exercise all of your senses as you learn how to use games and stories to inspire learning. Go on an *Ant Hike*, *Find Your Tree*, learn the tale of *Mother Nature's Gift*, and more!

- Saturday, April 7, 1-4 pm **OR**
- Thursday, April 12, 9 am-noon

🌸 **Cycles and Signs: (One Required):** Discover how to bring natural science to life on the trail. Learn all about metamorphosis, decomposition, the water cycle, photosynthesis, Oregon geology, and more.

- Wednesday, April 4, 9-11:30 am **OR**
- Saturday, April 7, 10 am-12:30 pm

🌸 **Legs, Claws, Wings, and Paws (One Required):** Learn about park wildlife, from beavers to birds to bugs. Check out a variety of park habitats and do some fun hands-on insect netting.

- Tuesday, April 10, 9-11:30 am **OR**
- Saturday, April 14, 10 am-12:30 pm

🌸 **Ferns to Firs (One Required):** Visit the Wildflower Hollow and other special park places as you learn about everything from delicate ferns to tall firs.

- Friday, April 13, 9-11:30 am **OR**
- Saturday, April 14, 1-3:30 pm

🌸 **Kalapuya Life and Lore (Required):** Learn all about the Willamette Valley's native people from Kalapuya Esther Stutzman. Discover plants, animals, and places to highlight on Kalapuya-themed walks.

- Thursday, April 5, 9 am-noon
- Wednesday, April 18, 9 am-noon

🌸 **Safety and Teaching Skills Workshop (One Required):** Discuss park emergency situation guidelines and safety concerns with fellow guides. Role play effective teaching techniques. Learn about working with challenging kids.

- Monday, April 9, 6-8:30 pm **OR**
- Tuesday, April 17, 6-8:30 pm

🌸 **Shadow Nature Walk (One Required):** Tag along with an experienced guide as he or she leads one of the season's first real nature walks! **MEET at the Science Factory. Dates to be confirmed.**

- April 11 (9-11 am) April 19 (9-am-noon)
- April 20 (9-am-noon) April 24 (9-am-noon)
- April 25 (9-am-noon) April 26 (9-am-noon)
- April 27 (9-am-noon)

Optional Pond Study Station Leader Shadow (Required to staff the Pond Study Station):

Observe a trained leader with an actual group of kids. Practice identification, learn about group dynamics, and use pond study gear. Note that some of the times below overlap shadow walks. Guides may split shadow time between walks and pond study.

- April 11 (9-11 am) April 19 (9-am-noon)
- April 20 (12-2 pm) April 25 (9-am-noon)
- April 26 (12-2 pm) April 27 (9-am-noon)

Optional Oregon Birds Walk: Enjoy a bird-watching wander in the park with veteran birder Rick Ahrens.

- Monday, April 16, 9-11 am

Ready to Join the Nearby Nature Guides? — Sign Up for Trainings!

Contact Beth Stein or Katie Bennett at 541-687-9699 or info@nearbynature.org to sign up for trainings. Let us know in advance if you cannot attend a particular training. Trainings without sufficient sign-ups may be rescheduled, so sign up in advance. Make-up trainings may be scheduled if needed.