





# Nearby Nature Guide Training Fall 2017

Every fall, thanks to Nearby Nature's school walk field trips, local kids spend 2,600+ hours outside exploring and learning in nature. By becoming a volunteer

guide, you can be part of this exciting program. Read on for more information about training sessions. See the other side for trainings in a calendar format.

● **New Guide Required Trainings** (marked 🌿): New guides must attend seven required training sessions and at least one shadow walk with an experienced guide. Most trainings are offered twice, for scheduling flexibility. Guides who would like to help with our Pond Study Station or Earth Art activities must also observe these activities during an actual program.

● **Meeting Places and Directions:** Most trainings are outdoors. Meet outside the Alton Baker Park Host Residence (PHR) unless otherwise noted. **By Car:** Take Club Road south from MLK Blvd., turn left into the park, drive past the parking lots, and 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, and turn left before the dog park. The PHR is up the road, on the left.

**Optional New Volunteer Orientation:** Learn about our volunteer programs. Meet staff and other volunteers. Not required, but recommended.

Wednesday, September 13, 6:30-7:45 pm, Eugene Public Library, Singer Room

🌿 **Nature Games and Stories (One Required):** Discover how games and stories can inspire learning. Go on an *Ant Hike*, *Find Your Tree*, learn the tale of *Mother Nature's Gift*, and more.

Wednesday, September 20, 9 am-noon **OR**  
 Saturday, September 23, 1-4 pm

🌿 **Rivers and Rocks: (One Required):** Discover how water has shaped and changed our park over time. Play *Poohsticks* and do the *Water Cycle Boogie!* Learn some park human history as well.

Thursday, September 14, 9-11:30 am **OR**  
 Saturday, September 23, 10 am-12:30 pm

🌿 **Legs, Claws, Wings, and Paws (One Required):** Learn about park wildlife, from beavers to birds to bugs. Check out park habitats and learn about critter lifecycles.

Sunday, September 17, 1-3:30 pm **OR**  
 Thursday, September 21, 9-11:30 am

🌿 **Ferns to Firs (One Required):** Learn about everything from towering green firs to delicate forest ferns. Check out fall colors and go on a seed search.

Tuesday, September 19, 9-11:30 am **OR**  
 Sunday, September 24, 1-3:30 pm

🌿 **Kalapuya Life and Lore (Required):** Learn about our local native people from Kalapuya Elder Esther Stutzman. Discover plants, animals, and places to highlight on Kalapuya-themed nature walks.

Friday, September 22, 9 am-noon

🌿 **Safety and Teaching Skills Workshop (One Required):** Discuss park safety guidelines with fellow guides. Role play effective teaching techniques and learn about working with challenging kids. Meet at Nearby Nature's yurt.

Tuesday, September 19, 6-8:30 pm **OR**  
 Monday, September 25, 6-8:30 pm

🌿 **Learnscape Discovery (One Required):** Learn all about how to share the Learnscape's garden, teaching, and free play resources with students.

Friday, September 15, 9-10:30 am  
 Monday, September 18, 9-10:30 am

🌿 **Shadow Nature Walk (One Required):** Tag along with an experienced guide on one of the season's first real nature walks. **MEET INSIDE THE SCIENCE FACTORY (not at Park Host House). Final dates to be confirmed**

Sept. 26 (9am-noon)  Sept. 27 (9am-noon)  
 Sept. 28 (9am-noon)  Sept. 29 (9am-noon)

**Optional Observe Pond Study Station (Required to assist with Pond Study):**

Observe a trained leader working with actual kids. Learn about group dynamics, practice identifications, and use pond study gear. **Dates available mid-September.**

**Optional Observe Earth Art Activity**

**(Required to assist with Earth Art):** Observe a trained leader creating art with kids using natural materials. **Dates available mid-September.**

**Sign Up for Trainings** at the *Volunteer Orientation* or by contacting [info@nearbynature.org](mailto:info@nearbynature.org) or 541-687-9699. Let us know in advance if you can't attend a training. Trainings with insufficient sign-ups may be rescheduled. Make-ups will be scheduled as needed and as time allows.