



Nearby Nature Guide Training Fall 2019

Every fall, thanks to Nearby Nature's school walk field trips, local kids spend 2,000+ 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 six required training sessions and at least one shadow walk with an experienced guide. Guides who would like to help with Pond Study or Earth Art activities must also observe these activities during an actual program. Some additional trainings are optional. Most trainings are offered twice, for scheduling flexibility.

● **Meeting Places and Directions:** Most trainings are outdoors. Meet on the Waterwise Garden Patio 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 on the road before the dog park. The PHR is up the road, on the left.

Optional Fall Volunteer Info Session: Learn about our volunteer programs. Meet staff and other volunteers. Not required, but recommended.
 Tuesday, September 10, 6:30-8 pm, Eugene Public Library, Tykeson Room

🌿 **Nature Games and Stories (One Required):** Discover how games and stories inspire learning. Go on an *Ant Hike*, play *Find Your Tree*, learn the tale of *Mother Nature's Gift*, and more.
 Thursday, September 12, 9 am-noon **OR**
 Friday, September 20, 9 am-noon

🌿 **Rivers and Rocks: (One Required):** Discover how water has shaped and changed our park over time. Learn some park land use history as well. Play *Poohsticks* and do the *Water Cycle Boogie!*
 Friday, September 13, 9-11:30 am **OR**
 Tuesday, September 24, 9-11:30 am

🌿 **Legs, Claws, Wings, and Paws (One Required):** Learn about park wildlife with an emphasis on birds and bugs. Check out park habitats and learn about critter lifecycles.
 Monday, September 16, 9-11:30 am **OR**
 Tuesday, September 24, 12-2:30 pm

🌿 **Ferns to Firs (One Required):** Learn about everything from towering green firs to delicate forest ferns. Also check out the Learnscape Garden and Outdoor Classroom.
 Wednesday, September 18, 9 am-noon **OR**
 Monday, September 23, 9 am-noon

🌿 **Program Safety (One Required):** Discuss park safety guidelines with fellow guides. **Meet at the Nearby Nature Yurt.**
 Wednesday, September 18, 6-8 pm **OR**
 Thursday, September 26, 6-8 pm

🌿 **Trail Teaching Skills (One Required):** Check out our meeting place at the Eugene Science Center, learn about working with challenging kids, and role play effective teaching techniques. **Meet outside the Eugene Science Center.**
 Thursday, September 19, 9-11 am **OR**
 Monday, September 23, 12-2 pm

Kalapuya Life and Lore (Optional but Highly Recommended): Learn about our local native people from Kalapuya Elder Esther Stutzman. Also explore park trails with an experienced guide and learn how to best share your new knowledge. Visit the Talking Stones! **Meet at the Nearby Nature Yurt.**
 Tuesday, September 17, 9 am-noon

🌿 **Shadow Nature Walk (One Required):** Tag along with an experienced guide on one of the season's first real nature walks. **Meet outside the Eugene Science Center. Final dates to be confirmed in September.**
 Sept. 25 (9am-noon) Sept. 26 (9am-noon)
 Sept. 27 (9am-noon) Oct 1 (9am-noon)
 Oct 2 (9am-noon)

Optional – Observe Pond Study Station (Required to assist with Pond Study): Observe a trained leader conducting an actual program. Learn about group dynamics, practice identifications, and use gear. **Dates available mid-September.**

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

Sign Up for Trainings at the *Volunteer Info Session* or by contacting info@nearbynature.org or 541-687-9699. Let us know in advance if you can't attend a training.