Oxley Nature Center
Advanced Volunteer Naturalist Training, Spring, 2020 Welcome back!
Please sign up for each session you plan to attend!

Part One: “Revisiting the Marsh” (led by Vinnie Robinson)
Monday, March 2, 10:00 to noon (inside/outside) Meet at the Interpretive Building.
We can see what has changed as the water level fluctuates. The beavers have made some changes.

Part Two: “Birds of Prey: ID and Life Histories” (led by Eddie Reese)
Wednesday, March 4, 10:00 to noon (inside/outside)
Meet at the Interpretive Building.
Let’s practice identifying hawks and owls and eagles using study skins and technology while learning about life history of these birds.

Part Three: “Crayfish and Prairies” (led by Judy LaFrance)
Monday, March 9, 10:00 to noon (inside/outside)
Meet at the Interpretive Building.
Prairies are complex ecosystems with plants and animals especially adapted for life in these environments. We will look at crayfish as a prime example.

Part Four: “Cooperation in Nature” (led by Mary Seabourn)
Wednesday, March 11, 10:00 to noon (inside/outside)
Meet at the Interpretive Building.
Cooperation is part of nature, down to the cellular level: birds protect each other from predators, ants collaborate to transport food, even badgers and coyotes combine skills and hunt together more effectively than either could alone. Let’s look at some of these relationships to discover how cooperation works and why.

Part Five: “Invasive Aliens: Who are they and What do They Want?” (led by Rusty Grimpe)
Monday, March 23, 10:00 to noon (inside/outside) Meet at the Interpretive Building.
What is an invasive alien and what does it do when it lands in a new environment? How do they affect the creatures that already live in a place? Are they welcomed to the neighborhood?

Part Six: “The Tale a Tree Tells” (led by Amy Morris)
Wednesday, March 25, 10:00 to noon (inside/outside)
Meet at the Interpretive Building.
Let’s visit the big Bur Oak on the Wildlife Study Trail and hear its story. We will meet its neighbors in the forest and find out how they get along and why.

Part Seven: “Interpretation” (led by Donna Horton)
Monday, March 30 9:00 a.m. to noon Meet at Redbud Valley Nature Preserve.
We will meet at Redbud Valley on our final day of training to revisit methods of Interpretation. We will have everyone’s schedules by now. Please bring along a picnic lunch to enjoy.

*School tours begin April 1st with a General Discovery tour!