



**Virginia Master Naturalists – Peninsula Chapter**  
**809 Aberdeen Road #9263 Hampton, VA 23670**

Dear Virginia Citizen:

Thank you for your interest in the Virginia Master Naturalist program. The Peninsula Chapter is accepting applications for its Cohort 12 Basic Training Program from November 15, 2016 to January 31, 2017.

Class size is limited to 20 participants. Applicants will be notified of their status as soon as their application documents have been reviewed and approved.

The Cohort 12 Basic Training Program will begin on March 8, 2017 and end with a graduation celebration on June 14, 2017. Classes are held weekly on Wednesday evenings from 6-9 and are either at the Denbigh Community Center or the Virginia Living Museum. There are several required Saturday field trips so please check the tentative schedule posted to ensure your schedule allows you to make this commitment.

The Virginia Master Naturalist Program is a statewide corps of volunteers who provide education, outreach and service dedicated to the beneficial management of the natural resources and natural areas within their communities.

The process for becoming a certified Virginia Master Naturalist volunteer typically takes 6 to 12 months. One starts by completing the 40-hour basic training course offered by a local chapter. In addition, each trainee must complete 8 hours of continuing education approved by either the state or local chapter. Finally, the trainee must complete 40 hours of volunteer service within a year of completing the basic training course. To maintain certification, each Master Naturalist must complete 8 hours of continuing education and 40 hours of volunteer service each year and pay the required yearly dues.

For consideration, please mail your completed application and your \$150.00 tuition check to the following address. We treat all information as confidential and it will not be released to third parties.

**Mailing Address:**  
**Virginia Master Naturalists – Peninsula Chapter**  
**809 Aberdeen Road #9263**  
**Hampton, VA 23670**

*If you have questions, please contact Becky Holliday or Sandy Graham at [pmbasictraining@gmail.com](mailto:pmbasictraining@gmail.com).*

The Peninsula Basic Training Committee



**Virginia Master Naturalist Program**  
**Peninsula Chapter Volunteer Application and Enrollment Form** (revised 11/16)  
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The Virginia Master Naturalist Program is sponsored jointly by Virginia Cooperative Extension, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Department of Forestry, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, the Virginia Institute of Marine Science's Center for Coastal Resources Management, and the Virginia Museum of Natural History.

**A. GENERAL INFORMATION**

Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Initial:
Mailing Address:		
County or Independent City of Residence		

**B. CONTACT INFORMATION**

Phone: Please indicate which phone number is preferred	Home	
	Mobile	
	Business	
Email:		
Emergency Contact:	Day Phone	
	Evening Phone	

**C. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION** *(Optional, for record keeping purposes only)*

Gender:     Female  
                Male

Ethnicity:     Hispanic or Latino         Not Hispanic or Latino

**C. Demographics (continued)**

Race (select one or more):

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Asian

Please select your age range:

\_\_\_\_\_ 65 years and older

\_\_\_\_\_ 18 to 64 years old

\_\_\_\_\_ Under 18 years old (if so, please list your age \_\_\_\_\_)

Highest Level of Education: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about the Virginia Peninsula Master Naturalist Program?

**D. Please list other community organizations and/or volunteer experiences in which have been or are involved as well as any leadership positions you have held in these organizations.**

**Why are you interested in the Virginia Master Naturalist Program?**

**What skills do you have that you feel will contribute to your success in this program?**

**E. PLEASE PROVIDE THREE REFERENCES**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Relationship</b>
<b>Phone: Day and Evening</b>	<b>Email:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	

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Please print all 4 pages of this form, sign it in the 3 indicated fields, and return it to:  
**Virginia Master Naturalists-Peninsula Chapter 809 Aberdeen Road #9263 Hampton, VA 23670**

Along with your application, please include the **\$150.00** tuition fee in the form of a check made out to the Virginia Master Naturalists – Peninsula Chapter

**E. VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE**

(This information will be kept in a confidential manner and accessible only to authorized personnel. A “yes” answer does **not** automatically exclude you from volunteering with the Virginia Master Naturalist program.)

Have you ever had any criminal convictions? YES  NO

I understand that records and criminal background or reference checks may be conducted on me at any time during the application process or during volunteer service for the Virginia Master Naturalist Program.

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Signature, Volunteer

Date

**F. VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT**

I am volunteering my time to further the missions of the Virginia Master Naturalist program and its sponsoring agencies. I understand that the Virginia Master Naturalist program is open to all, regardless of age, color, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, veteran status, or any other basis protected by the law. An equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. I hereby certify that all of the entries on this application are true and complete. I understand that any falsification of information herein constitutes cause for dismissal.

I agree to abide by all policies and procedures of the Virginia Master Naturalist Program and its sponsoring agencies. I understand that Virginia Master Naturalist volunteers serve at the sole discretion of the Virginia Master Naturalist program and its sponsoring agencies. The program or its sponsoring agencies may at any time, for whatever reason, decide to terminate the volunteer's relationship with the organization or to make changes in the nature of their volunteer assignment.

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Signature, Volunteer

Date

**G. MEDIA RELEASE**

The Virginia Master Naturalist Program and its sponsoring agencies periodically use electronic and traditional media (e.g., photographs, video, audio footage, testimonials) for publicity and educational purposes. By my signature on this form, I acknowledge receipt of this document and give permission for the Virginia Master Naturalist program and its sponsoring agencies to use such reproductions for educational and publicity purposes to perpetuity without further consideration from me.

I understand that I will need to notify the Virginia Master Naturalist program if any changes to my situation occur that will impact this media release permission.

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Signature, Volunteer

Date