

Meramec Hills Advanced Training and Speaker Schedule

Calendar Year 2012

January:

21 Saturday: Prescribed Fire Workshop, 1:00 pm to 4:00pm, MDC, Bray Conservation Area, (3-hours training)

23 (monthly meeting): Rolla, Church, Tree Care and Diseases, Ross Melick, US Forest Service, retired (1-hour training).

February:

27 (monthly meeting): Rolla, Church, No training in preparation for the Evening with Nature.

March:

26 (monthly meeting): Rolla, Church, Talking Turkey! John Burk, National Wild Turkey Federation, (1-hour training).

April:

~~**Cancelled—April 14 (Saturday) Field trip:** Nature/Wildflower Hike at Meramec Springs Park with Lynda Richards, MHMN, 9:30—11:30 (2+ hours training).~~

23 (monthly meeting): Rolla-Bray CA, Lions, and Hellbenders, and Bears Oh My! Update on the Status of Various Species, Carol Mahan, MDC, (1-hour training).

May:

~~**28 (monthly meeting)** Meeting Cancelled due to Holiday weekend~~

June:

9 Saturday: Field Trip, Wild Edibles with Ethel Hickey, Steelville, time and AT hours TBD

25 (monthly meeting): Rolla-Bray CA, Nuisance Animals, Jim Braithwait, MDC, (1-hour training).

July:

23 (monthly meeting): Rolla-Bray CA, Overview of Missouri Prairie Foundation and Importance of Missouri's Prairies, Carol Davit, Missouri Prairie Foundation, (1+/-hour training).

August:

Aug 11 (Saturday) Field trip/Workshop: Prairie Star Farm, Belle, Jan and Bruce Sassman, 9:00 – 12:00 (3+ hours training).

August:

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27 (monthly meeting): Rolla-Bray CA, Wild Edibles with Nancy Snider, MDC (1-hour training).

September:

24 (monthly meeting): Rolla-Bray CA, The Secret Life of Plants, Norman Cox, MHMN, (1-hour training).

October:

22 (monthly meeting): Rolla-Bray CA, How to Conduct a Nature Walk, Connie Schmiedeskamp, MDC (1.5-hours training).

October 20 (Saturday) Field trip: Fishery Tour and Nature Hike at Montauk State Park 1:00 – 4:00 (3+ hours training) Picnic-BBQ possibly too.

November:

26 (monthly meeting): Rolla, Church, Share Your Favorites! Share with fellow MN your favorite tool, field guide, vest, boots, anything that helps you with your outdoor activities, (1-hour training).

December: NO MEETING

Reminder:

The State Master Naturalist Program requires the following 8 criteria be used in evaluating the appropriateness of the Advanced Training. Additionally, the State requires that all training must meet criteria 1, 2, 6, 7, and 8 in order to receive Advanced Training credit.

1. **Promote continued learning and development of naturalist skills.**
2. **Provide Master naturalists with knowledge and skills to work volunteer efforts.**
3. **Direct trained volunteers toward specific programs in need of their service.**
4. **Provide practical information and training for application in volunteer efforts.**
5. **Take advantage of local partnerships.**
6. **Provide Master Naturalists an opportunity to focus their interests in one or a few specific topics.**
7. **Build on the core curriculum initially provided by the Chapter.**
8. **Provide natural resource management issues and information applicable to Missouri.**