



Authorized Continuing Education

Active Illinois Grand Prairie Master Naturalists must complete 10 hours of continuing education hours per year to maintain their active status. Acceptable continuing education is that which supports the mission and goals of the Illinois Grand Prairie Master Naturalists, and/or furthers your knowledge and skill related to IGPMN service in Illinois.

Examples of continuing education might be:

- Programs sponsored by IGPMN, sponsors, and partners
- Classes taught by Illinois Master Naturalists
- U of I Extension Telenet classes or sponsored workshops
- Courses taught by credentialed instructors (UI Extension educators, local scientists)
- Up to 2 education hours for research completed while preparing for a Master Naturalist presentation. (Additional preparatory time will count as volunteer hours.)
- Master Naturalist training core classes taken as an update.
- Advanced Master Naturalist training courses
- State or International Master Naturalist Conferences, including guided tours.
- Related courses (credit or non credit) at any Central Illinois university or community college.
- Other activities may be endorsed for education hours. Requests should be submitted to the advisory board of directors for approval.