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Idaho Master Naturalist Course Announced for 2014

The Pend Oreille Chapter of the Idaho Master Naturalists is looking for additional members dedicated to actively working towards the stewardship of Idaho's natural environment. Do you enjoy nature and do you want to learn more? Do you enjoy working with others and being outdoors, bird watching, identifying plants and animals, understanding the geology of our area and supporting citizen science and conservation? If so, this program is for you. Core Training will be offered from April 8 through May 18, 2014, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and some Saturdays. MN volunteers provide programs for children, help biologists collect data, monitor fish and wildlife, assist with programs at parks and nature centers and contribute to many other conservation efforts.

A Master Naturalist training course consists of 40 hours of lectures and field trips about Idaho's ecology, plants, animals and natural systems in two areas - Conservation Education and Citizen Science. Most classes will be held at the Waterlife Discovery Center, 2100 Lakeshore Dr, Sagle (the old Sandpoint Fish Hatchery). Space is limited and there is a non-refundable \$80 fee per student for course supplies and instruction. Once training is complete, an additional 40 hours of self directed volunteer work is required to become a certified Chapter member.

To learn more about Idaho Master Naturalist Program visit www.idahomasternaturalist.org click on the Sandpoint link in the left hand column. The Application and Class Schedule are posted there under the Announcements.

For more information about the Pend Oreille Chapter please send an e-mail to imn.sandpoint@gmail.com or to ID Master Naturalists, Pend Oreille Chapter, PO Box 1062, Sandpoint, ID 83864. **The deadline for application is April 1, 2014.**

If you have specific questions and wish to talk to someone in person, please contact one of the following members:

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