



AUDUBON NATURALIST CERTIFICATION

For many learning is a lifelong experience filled with opportunities for fun, friendship, discovery and self-improvement. Aullwood provides these enriching activities to inspire individuals to become skilled naturalists and stewards for the Earth.

To that end, Aullwood's **Center for Lifelong Learning** is proud to unveil a new certification program called — *Audubon Naturalist* – for those who would like to make a difference as they investigate nature. Anyone 14 or older is eligible. You are not required to register to be part of this program but you can indicate your interest by checking the box on the registration form. There is no time limit to complete the different levels of certification. The certification process begins with courses offered in 2002 through Aullwood's **Center for Lifelong Learning**.

There are 3 levels of certification -- 1. Outdoors Observer, 2. Nature Explorer, and 3. Audubon

Naturalist. Each level has specific requirements including participation in workshops, classes, trips, and specific projects. Workshops are defined as course offerings that meet once for a two to four hour session. Classes have multiple sessions that meet over several weeks. At certain levels, 3-day trips are required. Extended trips of seven or more days count as two 3-day trips.

There are many opportunities to expand your knowledge as you progress through various levels of certification. Students are required to take courses in different areas of study - plants, animals, earth science, organic/farm, ecology/advocacy, and general interest. Classes, workshops, and trips that satisfy the requirements for the program will be identified in the newsletter insert for the **Center for Lifelong Learning**. At each level, awards and recognition is conferred. If you have any questions, please contact Larry Brown or Tom Hissong at 937 890-7360.

Outdoors Observer – Level 1

Requirements:

- Complete any combination of four classes and workshops (including a minimum of two classes). The classes and workshops must span at least two different areas of study.

Award / Recognition:

- Certificate

Nature Explorer - Level 2

Requirements:

- Complete the **Outdoors Observer** level, and complete any combination of four additional classes and workshops (including a minimum of two classes). The classes and workshops must span at least three different areas of study.
- Complete one 3-day trip.
- Maintain a nature notebook or journal for 3 months.

Award / Recognition:

- Certificate
- Complimentary copy of *The Ohio Nature Almanac* or Nature Store discount of \$10 off any purchase of \$25 or more

Audubon Naturalist – Level 3

Requirements:

- Complete the **Nature Explorer** level plus any combination of four additional classes and workshops (including a minimum of two classes). The classes and workshops must span at least four different areas of study.
- Complete two additional 3-day trips.
- Maintain a nature notebook or journal for 6 months.
- Complete two of the following after consultation with Aullwood's Education Coordinator.
 1. Complete a project related to natural history and give a presentation to others in the certification program.
 2. Mentor another person in the certification program.
 3. Teach a class for the Center for Lifelong Learning.
 4. Lead a nature walk at Aullwood.
 5. Become involved in environmental advocacy.
 6. Participate in a land management project at Aullwood.

Award / Recognition:

- Framed certificate
- Complimentary copy of the National Audubon Society's *A Century of Conservation*
- Recognition in the Aullwood newsletter and at the Marie S. Aull Education Center

Note:

Only classes and workshops taken through Aullwood's Center for Lifelong Learning will qualify. You may repeat one class at each level.