

**1- Saturday, February 16, 2019 1:00 – 5:00 pm**

***Program Overview; Invasive Plant Identification and Removal***

**Crow's Nest Preserve** – 201 Piersol Road, Elverson, PA 19520

Experts: Debbie Beer, Dan Barringer, Aubrey Smith

Learning: volunteers make a difference; identifying and removing invasive plants.

Service: invasive plant removal.



**2- Saturday, March 2, 2019 1:00 – 5:00 pm**

***Conservation Strategies; Outreach and Messaging***

**Hildacy Preserve** – 1031 Palmer's Mill Road, Media, PA 19063

Experts: Peter Williamson, Kirsten Werner

Learning: overview of Natural Lands conservation strategies and engagement.

Service: lay-out a sustainable community; sharing your story.



**3- Saturday, March 16, 2019 1:00 – 5:00 pm**

***Habitat Restoration; Leave No Trace***

**ChesLen Preserve** – 1199 Cannery Road, Coatesville, PA 19320

Experts: Gary Gimbert, Luke Hamilton, Sean Quinn

Learning: regional restoration case studies; intro to *Leave No Trace* principles.

Service: preserve stewardship and trail maintenance.



**4- Saturday, March 23, 2019 1:00 – 5:00 pm**

***Tree Care and Planting; Wildlife Management***

**Gwynedd Preserve** – 640 South Swedesford Road, North Wales, PA 19002

Experts: Tom Kershner, Tim Burriss

Learning: professional tree care and planting techniques; wildlife management.

Service: nest box building; tree planting.

**5- Saturday, April 13, 2019 1:00 – 5:00 pm**

***Native Plant Gardening, Ambassadorship, Training Wrap-up***

**Stoneleigh: a natural garden** – 1829 County Line Road, Villanova, PA 19085

Expert: Ethan Kauffman, Cody Hudgens

Learning: why native plants matter; ambassador and tour leader opportunities.

Service: reviewing and weeding garden beds.

**Saturday, April 27, 2019 1:00 – 3:00 pm**

***Force of Nature® Volunteer Spring Celebration and Graduation***

**ChesLen Preserve** – 1199 Cannery Road, Coatesville, PA 19320

Force of Nature volunteers from all classes are invited to share stories, recognize milestones, and welcome the new Class of 2019 program graduates.

Photos by Debbie Beer and Becky Rennix

Force of Nature® volunteers must attend at least 4 of the 5 sessions to graduate the program. Training features indoor program and outdoor, hands-on service learning. Bundle up comfortably, wear sturdy shoes, and prepare to be outdoors in chilly weather, handling small tools and walking on uneven, possibly muddy terrain.

Contact Debbie Beer if any questions or you are unable to attend a session. Email [dbeer@natlands.org](mailto:dbeer@natlands.org), or call (office) 610-353-5587 ext. 266, (cell) 610-955-4098. Thanks for joining the Force of Nature®! [www.natlands.org](http://www.natlands.org)