



Natural Lands Force of Nature® Class of 2022 Volunteer Program



Natural Lands' Force of Nature® volunteer program is a way to support land conservation and connect people to the outdoors through strong dedication to Natural Lands. Force of Nature volunteers receive extensive training and leadership opportunities, and commit to serving at least 20 hours per year.

Force of Nature volunteers participate in comprehensive training to learn about Natural Lands conservation strategies, land stewardship activities, leadership opportunities, and connecting people to the outdoors and each other. Volunteers gain valuable information and insights from Natural Lands staff, honing skills, while giving back to a great cause and community. Force of Nature volunteers become important Natural Lands representatives.

The **Force of Nature Class of 2022 training runs February 12 through April 23, 2022**. Six (6) sessions are Saturday afternoons in-person (indoors and outdoors); four (4) sessions are Thursday evenings virtually. Volunteers must complete at least 6 of the 10 sessions to graduate the program.

Saturdays, 1:00-5:00 pm *in-person* – Locations indicated:

Must attend at least 4 of 5 Saturday sessions, including the first one, to graduate.

- February 12 – Crow's Nest Preserve, Elverson
Welcome and introduction; managing invasives.
- February 26 – Hildacy Preserve, Media
Conservation strategies; mission and messaging.
- March 12 – ChesLen Preserve, Coatesville
Habitat restoration; land stewardship.
- March 26 – Gwynedd Preserve, North Wales
Tree planting; wildlife management and nestbox monitoring.
- April 9 – Stoneleigh: *a natural garden*, Villanova
Ecologically-sustainable gardening.

Thursdays, 6:00-8:00 pm *virtual*:

Must participate in at least 2 of 4 evening sessions.

- March 10 – Leave No Trace principles
- March 17 – Events; Trail and Garden Tenders
- April 7 – Leadership: Preserve Peer Leaders
- April 21 – Leadership: Preserve Ambassadors and Outreach

Saturday, April 23, 1:00-3:00 pm *in-person* – ChesLen Preserve

Graduation and Spring Celebration!

All Force of Nature volunteers are invited.

The safety of Natural Lands volunteers, staff, and visitors are of paramount importance. We are planning to hold training sessions in person as noted. However, we continue to monitor the Covid-19 situation, and may change some/all trainings to virtual. Save the dates, and look for updates accordingly.

Training features hands-on service learning. Prepare to explore rugged terrain and get hands dirty. Additional details available on [Natural Lands website](http://www.natlands.org).



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Thanks for your interest in the *Force of Nature*®. Contact Debbie Beer if any questions.

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