

Teacher Training Opportunities in Biodiversity

How to Read the Chart

A mark in the **ELEMENTARY**, **MIDDLE SCHOOL**, or **HIGH SCHOOL** column indicates that the organization offers teacher training programs for teachers in those grade levels. ♦ Organizations with a mark in the **CREDIT** column offer either Lane credit or Graduate credit from a local university or both. ♦ **PROJECTS** refer to the agencies that offer trainings in Project Learning Tree, Project WILD, or Project WET. ♦ **SPECIAL PROGRAMS** are teacher training courses that consist of more than just a single training. They include some other component or commitment in addition to the training. ♦ **MIGHTY ACORNS** is a comprehensive biodiversity education program offered through the identified agencies that includes teacher training, three yearly restoration field trips, and a full curriculum. ♦ Some Chicago Wilderness organizations provide the opportunity to spend time outdoors learning plant and/or animal identification, how to monitor a natural area, how to conduct restoration activities, or how to interpret the natural world. These agencies have a mark in the **FIELD STUDY** column. ♦ Agencies with a mark in the **FEE** column charge a fee for attending their teacher trainings.

Count	Organization and Contact Information	Elementary	Middle School	High School	Credit	Projects	Special Programs	Mighty Acorns	Field Study	Fees
Cook	Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield, IL www.brookfieldzoo.org Contact: Lanis Petrik, 708-485-0263 ext 273	♦	♦		♦			♦		
	Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, IL www.chicagobotanic.org Contact: Marie Graff, 847-835-8280	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
	City of Chicago Department of Environment, Chicago, IL www.cityofchicago.org Contact: Drew Hart, 312-744-5478	♦	♦			♦				
	Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Camp Sagawau, Lemont, IL Contact: James Carpenter, 630-257-2045		♦	♦	♦				♦	♦
	Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Sand Ridge, South Holland, IL Contact: Irene Flebbe, 708-868-0606 website	♦	♦			♦				
	Friends of the Chicago River, Chicago, IL www.chicagoriver.org/crsn Contact: Sasha Kerlow, 312-939-0490 ext 12	♦	♦	♦	♦		♦		♦	
	Garfield Park Conservatory, Chicago, IL Contact: Erica Granchatek, 773-638-1766	♦	♦							
	Irons Oaks Environmental Learning Center, Olympia Fields, IL www.ironsoaks.org/ Contact: Dave Guritz, 708-481-2330	♦	♦	♦		♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
	John G. Shedd Aquarium, Chicago IL www.sheddaquarium.org Contact: Anna Rochester, 312-692-3165	♦	♦		♦				♦	♦
	Lincoln Park Zoo, Chicago, IL www.lpzoo.com Contact: Sue Teller Marshall, 312-742-2044	♦	♦	♦	♦		♦			♦
	North Cook County Soil and Water Conservation District, Chicago, IL northcookswcd.org Contact: Linda Yunker, 847-468-0071	♦	♦			♦				
	Spring Valley Nature Sanctuary, Schaumburg Park District, Schaumburg, IL www.parkfun.com Contact: Mary Rice, 847-985-2100	♦	♦		♦	♦		♦		♦
	The Field Museum, Chicago, IL www.fieldmuseum.org Contact: Tracy Kwock, 312-665-7537	♦	♦	♦	♦		♦			♦
	The Grove National Historic Landmark, Glenview, IL Contact: Kris VanVoorhis, 847-299-6096	♦								
	The Nature Conservancy, Chicago, IL www.tnc.org Contact: Julie Sacco, 312-346-0263 ext 26	♦	♦					♦	♦	
The Nature Museum of the Chicago Academy of Sciences, Chicago, IL www.naturemuseum.org Contact: Tina Nolan, 773-755-5139	♦	♦		♦	♦	♦			♦	
Windy City Earthforce, The Field Museum, Chicago, IL Contact: Julie Schultz, 312-665-7442		♦								
DuPage	DuPage County Forest Preserve District, Wheaton, IL Contact: 630-690-2467		♦		♦					
	Fermi Lab, Batavia, IL www-ed.fnal.gov Contact: Priscilla Meldrim, 630-840-5058		♦		♦					
	Jurica Nature Museum, Lisle, IL http://alt.ben.edu/resources/J_Museum/index.htm Contact: Mary Mickus, 630-829-6546	♦	♦		♦					
	The Conservation Foundation, Naperville, IL www.theconservationfoundation.org Contact: Judy Fitchett, 630-428-4500	♦	♦			♦		♦	♦	
	The Morton Arboretum, Lisle, IL http://www.mortonarb.org Contact: Steve Leonard, 630-719-2462	♦	♦							
Kane	Forest Preserve District of Kane County, St. Charles, IL Contact: Valerie Deprez, 847-741-9924		♦		♦					
	Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation, Dundee, IL Contact: Colleen Kulesza, 847-428-2240	♦	♦		♦	♦		♦	♦	
Lake	Lake County Forest Preserves, Deerfield, IL www.co.lake.il.us/forest/index.htm Contact: Nan Buckardt, 847-968-3321	♦	♦	♦		♦		♦	♦	♦
	Lake Forest Open Lands Association, Lake Forest, IL www.lfola.org Contact: Jeremy Batson 847-482-1928		♦	♦					♦	
	McHenry County Conservation District, Crystal Lake, IL www.mccd.org Contact: Deb Chapman, 815-479-5779		♦			♦		♦		
McHenry/Porter Sangamon/Will	Forest Preserve District of Will County, Mokena, IL www.fpdwc.org Contact: Tara Wisniewski, 708-479-2250	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦				
	Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Springfield, IL http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/education Contact: Valerie Keener, 217-524-4126	♦	♦	♦		♦			♦	
	Indiana Dunes Environmental Learning Center, Chesterton, IN www.nps.gov/indu/learning/index.htm Contact: Jo-Elle Hardiman, 219-395-9555	♦		♦		♦		♦	♦	♦
	Joliet Junior College, Joliet, IL www.jjc.cc.il.us Contact: Andy Neill, 815-280-2632	♦	♦	♦	♦				♦	♦
USDA Forest Service Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, Wilmington, IL www.fs.fed.us/mntp Contact: Pat Thrasher, 815-423-6370		♦					♦	♦		