

# Become an Ivy Creek Nature Guide!

*Do you love nature?*

*Would you like to pass on that love to the next generation?*

Each year, Ivy Creek's volunteer nature guides share their knowledge of the natural world with over 2,000 local school children. It is through this direct and positive experience of the environment that the next generation will develop the knowledge, passion and wonder needed to meet the challenges of our changing world.



## **What do the volunteer nature guides do?**

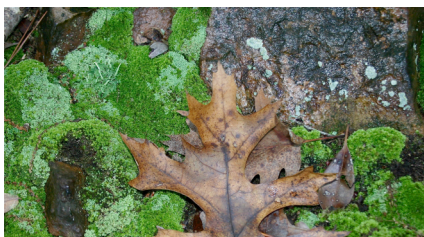
Ivy Creek guides share the outdoors with local schoolchildren who visit the Ivy Creek Natural Area for scheduled one-hour tours. Groups are small (10 or fewer children) and each is accompanied by a teacher or parent chaperone. The guide's only job is to share their knowledge and excitement about what is encountered in the natural world.

## **How do I become an Ivy Creek nature guide?**

Guide training is given twice per year, one morning per week for eight weeks. These sessions include not only natural history topics but also guidance on helping students experience nature directly through sight, sound, smell and touch. After this initial training period, trainees apprentice with more experienced guides before venturing out with their own groups. (Don't worry. You won't need to know everything. No one does.)

## **Are there any other requirements?**

Guides must be physically able to walk for about an hour at a leisurely pace on ground that is sometimes hilly and uneven. You'll need to learn at least one trail well so you can walk it in a timely and knowledgeable manner. Finally, you'll need to be excited about the natural world and about learning new things.



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