

Children's Nature Education Volunteer Training Course 2025



Learn how to teach school children about plants and animals in the outdoors. Participate in a training course to learn about plant and animal identification, general ecology concepts, and outdoor teaching techniques.

- DAY 1** **Tuesday, April 1: Intro to *Signs of Spring* Tour**
- Meet the staff and some current children's program volunteers.
 - Tour the gardens in search of signs of spring, including tadpoles and frogs.
- DAY 2** **Friday, April 4: Intro to Fieldtrip Programs & *From Seed to Flower* Tour**
- Explore the basics of flowers and seeds, from germination to pollination, in the classroom and in the gardens.
 - Learn some games and activities to help enhance the outdoor learning experience.
- DAY 3** **Tuesday, April 8: Observe a *Signs of Spring* Fieldtrip**
- Shadow a Ladew staff member as they lead a fieldtrip tour in the gardens with Kindergarteners.
- DAY 4** **Friday, April 11: Observe a *From Seed to Flower* Fieldtrip**
- Shadow a Ladew staff member as they lead a fieldtrip tour in the gardens with 2nd graders.

Times: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Dates: Attending both Day 1 & Day 2 is highly recommended for new volunteers. Observing at least two fieldtrip observation dates is required. They could be April 8 and 11, or they could be other scheduled dates that are available in April and early May. The full fieldtrip schedule will be provided during training.

Volunteer

Requirement: After attending training sessions, including at least two fieldtrip observations, new volunteers must lead at least 1 trip by the end of May. Fieldtrip volunteers are also required to be fingerprinted. Ladew will reimburse fingerprint fees.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. To register, or for more info, contact Sheryl Pedrick at 410-557-9570, ext. 226, or spedrick@ladewgardens.com