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Give yourself the gift of nature — become a Kane County Certified Naturalist

GENEVA, IL — Give yourself the gift of nature this year! The Kane County Certified Naturalist (KCCN) program is a critically-acclaimed, nature education program for adults.

Attend a free informational session on Thursday, Nov. 10, from 7-8 p.m. at Hickory Knolls Discovery Center. Come find out what all the excitement is about! You'll learn about the details of becoming a Kane County Certified Naturalist, and the benefits of this award-winning program.

Students must complete six core classes, four field trips and 30 hours of advanced coursework and/or volunteer work to earn initial Certified Naturalist certification. This program provides opportunities to develop, lead, and participate in conservation initiatives. Volunteering is strongly encouraged for all participants. Continuing education training courses will be offered annually to maintain certification and to further knowledge and skills. Classes begin in January, followed by spring field trips.

The mission of the KCCN program is to promote awareness and citizen stewardship of Kane County's natural resources through science-based education and community service. KCCN is a cooperative program of the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, the St. Charles Park District, and the Geneva Park District.

Hickory Knolls Discovery Center is located at 3795 Campton Hills Rd., St. Charles. Registration closes on Dec. 30. To register, visit www.genevaparks.org or call 630-232-4542. For more information, call 630-444-3190 or email kccn@kaneforest.com.

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