

*Southern Appalachian*  
*Naturalist Certification Program*

**Naturalist Skills**

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**Friday**

- 4:00-5:00 pm **Check-in**  
4:00-5:30 **Gift Store Open**  
6:00 **Supper**  
6:45 **Welcome & Orientation**  
7:00 **What is a Naturalist? Mindset and skills**  
*Joining the naturalist tradition, readings, discussion, learning first-hand*  
9:00 **Retire for the night**

**Saturday**

- 8:00 **Breakfast**  
9:00 **Explore** *noticing, journal techniques, tools of the trade*  
11:00 **Wonder** *questions and awe*  
12:30 **Lunch and Break**  
2:00 **Create:** *Darwin's methodology..." noticing unnoticed phenomena, asking unasked questions, connecting the dots where others could not see the patterns..."*  
3:00 **Field study**  
6:00 **Dinner**  
6:45 **Work on field study**  
7:30 **Campfire** *the naturalist tradition*  
8:15 **Fireside Relaxation Time**

**Sunday**

- 8:00 **Breakfast**  
9:00 **Share:** *findings from your field study*  
11:00 **Our role as naturalists—the world needs us!**  
**Wrap-up and evaluations**  
12:30 **Lunch**