



Chennai Young Naturalists' Network

Eligibility:

1. Naturalists under 26 years of age. (For those under 12, involvement of a parent/guardian will be expected).
2. Applicants if under 16, must have a minimum of 3 years of exposure, otherwise a minimum of 2 years of exposure (highly motivated individuals with low risk of loss of interest will be considered on recommendation).

[Click here](#) to apply.

Note- All members will be requested (not mandated) to register with the Madras Naturalists Society (MNS) to ensure that they will be eligible to participate in their events as well. Please visit <http://www.blackbuck.org.in/> for further details on MNS.

Aim:

1. To create opportunities.
2. To act as means of exchange of knowledge for continual learning and growth.
3. To act as a system by which experiences can be exchanged in and around nature related activities as a student and to help overcome challenges that may affect their involvement in the long term.
4. To create education materials and also look for applications of these in educational institutions if possible.
5. To collect ideas on issues and topics related to wildlife and representation of these ideas to the people and also the respective authorities.
6. To help them gain experience in leadership and roles assigned-such as editing, presentation, graphics, management, etc so as to encourage growth across fields. Additionally to encourage the development of a scientific spirit and a reasoning and logical approach to issues.

Activities: (possibility of some of these will depend on the state of the COVID-19 pandemic)

1. Regular walks/ meetings- possibly on the second weekend of every month.
2. Quarterly newsletter- by members and open for public circulation
3. Maintenance of a website/blog as well as social media pages.
4. Talks by experts and activities connected to MNS whenever possible.
5. Creation of resources for various purposes.
6. Discussions on issues and existing laws. Also learn a variety of conservation related topics and terminology.

7. Reaching out to the public to create awareness through walks, talks and articles. Reaching out to educational institutions and encouraging them to set up nature interest groups or clubs.
8. Creating awareness among members to consider participation in events across a variety of topics at different scales.
9. A small seminar by members on a yearly basis.
10. Collection of ideas and attempt application of these ideas.
11. Projects and small scale research. Also publication of any work done shall be attempted.

Rules and Regulations:

1. Treat all members with respect. Refrain from discriminatory, harassing or derogatory behavior and language.
2. Do not judge or comment on what a member may or may not know. We are all here to learn from each other.
3. Refrain from any inappropriate language or swearing.
4. Please refrain from getting upset if someone addresses you informally as all our age differences are relatively small.
5. Please bring it to the attention of members if someone is misusing the title of the network- if you are blackmailed, do approach a member who you trust- if you are aware and do not inform us, you will be treated as an accomplice.
6. If ever you would like to apply for any positions anywhere, please do not state yourself as a representative without the consent of other members. If you would like certificates for your work or a reference letter, we would be happy to provide the same.
7. Be conscious of what you share on our groups and please restrict the topics to those related to the Network or those that members would like to participate in.
8. If you will not be able to participate in our activities for an extended period of time, please keep us notified.
9. If you are given access to passwords or other sensitive details, please keep them safe and refrain from sharing with other members without permission, even if they are assigned the same task as you. Do not misuse these details.
10. All members have a say in everything in connection to the network. Please do not overwrite someone's work without discussion.
11. Please stick with the group when we meet.
12. Dress appropriately for meetings- if we are in the field, please wear full length clothes and avoid bright colours.
13. If you participate in any strikes/protests/rallies, it will not have any connection to the Network so please do not state yourself as a representative. Do not ask members to participate in such events during/through any of the network's activities or groups.

Funds: (not applicable at the moment)

1. A small yearly fee/ registration fee may be collected in the future once a mechanism is set in place. This will be in order to ensure that events can be organised. (This will not be implemented initially).
2. All travel, food and accommodation if needed will be borne by the individual and if travelling together, then fare shall be split as required.
3. One can consider crowdfunding when in need for specifically identified events.
4. For events that are open to the public and require arrangement of a location, a small fee can be collected from all those attending.
5. Sponsorship and funding can be considered in the future once stability is ensured and a system is in place.

Note- Our activities and management of any funds shall be transparent and most details shall be available on the website as soon as possible.

For any further questions, please mail us at yinn.chennai@gmail.com or DM our Instagram handle [@yinnchennai](https://www.instagram.com/yinnchennai).