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The Buzz!

An Educator's Newsletter for Events, Opportunities, Grants, and More!

April 1, 2015

MAEF Wants You!

MAEF continues to need two **Part-Time Mobile Ag Lab** teachers. One position is available for South-Central Maryland (Howard/Prince Georges) and another for Western Maryland (Garrett/Allegheny/Washington)! Please call or email Diana with your interest! 410-939-9030 dtyler@maefonline.com

Mid-Atlantic Farm-Based Education Network Update

Chesapeake Food, Farms, and Bay Farm-Based Curriculum Project Meetings!

Final Meeting for the CFFB Writer's Team!
Thursday, April 30 - MDA , Annapolis, MD

Maryland Horse Curriculum Project
Meeting schedule to be announced in the April 15th Buzz

2015 MAEF Calendar Contest!

It's that time again! Submit individual or class entries for our annual MAEF Calendar Contest! Contest deadline is **May 1st**, so there's plenty of time to get your colorful ideas promoting Maryland agriculture on paper! See flyer and rules posted below! Questions? Contact Jeanne Mueller at: jeannemueller@comcast.net

2015 MAEF Calendar Contest Flyer

2015 MAEF Calendar Contest Application

Student Scholarships!

The MAEF Seibel Scholarship offers students enrolled in an agriculture program in Maryland a $1000 award for the 2015-2016 school year. Preference is given to Maryland residents with an FFA enrolled in the two-year Institute of Applied Agriculture at the University of Maryland, however, students attending a community college or four year institution leading to a degree in agriculture education are also eligible. Deadline is **April 11, 2015.** Application form can be found here: http://maefonline.com/pdfs/2015%20MAEF%20Scholarship%20Application%20PDF.pdf

County Farm Bureau Student Scholarships!
Your county's Farm Bureau offers graduating high school senior scholarships! Contact your county Farm Bureau for details and deadlines!
http://mdfarmbureau.com/about/county-sites

Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board Student Scholarship

Eight scholarships of $2,500 each will be awarded to students enrolled in an in-state or out-of-state institution working towards a BS or two-year degree leading to a career in agriculture. Application deadline is June 1, 2015. Please see link for more information:
Maryland Grain Producers Scholarships

Cultivate Baltimore!

Civic Works Real Food Farm

Clifton Farm Manager Needed!

Real Food Farm/ Civic Works

Civic Works, Inc. seeks a creative, independent individual with leadership and farming experience and a demonstrated passion for food access, farmer training, and urban agriculture to manage all aspects of Real Food Farm's Clifton Park site. The Clifton Farm Manager will plan and coordinate all agricultural activities at Real Food Farm Clifton. While primarily focused on managing food growing and corpsmember training, coordination will occur with the Community Market & Outreach Coordinator, Perlman Place Farm Manager, and Education Coordinator on Real Food Farm's marketing, outreach, production, and education goals.
The position requires 40 hours per week and offers salary plus benefits including short and long-term disability, supported health care, 401k, and dental.

http://www.realfoodfarm.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/Clifton-Park-Farm-Manager.pdf

Cultivate Safety for Hired Youth on Farms

National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety

A well-written and information booklet available online for ensuring the safety and well-being of summer student hires, farm interns, and young farm workers. Use as a training guide, posters, or

manual. Training adolescents in safety issues can be difficult because teens often are inexperienced and reluctant to ask questions. This resource, based on the success of the North American Guidelines for Children's Agricultural Tasks (NAGCAT) includes resources addressing specific work tasks to be used by crew leaders and other supervisors in the field. It also includes ready-to-use training tips, basic principles for training adolescent workers, and employer/supervisor responsibilities.

http://www3.marshfieldclinic.org/proxy/MCRF-Centers-NFMC-NCCRAHS-SaGHAF-Resource-2009.1.pdf

Maryland Youth Summit 2015

Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education

Friday May 29! Teachers and students are invited to discover programs and resources for their schools, through hands-on learning with local environmental education providers. It is a day of celebration for new and re-certifying Green Schools and Green Centers. Whether or not you are receiving an award, attendees participate in award ceremonies, youth leadership activities, and the environmental literacy fair. Volunteer, exhibit or attend - registration open soon. We are looking to highlight two student projects in this year's keynote speech. If you teach in a K-12 Maryland Green School or are applying now, and have students who did a green school-related project this year, you are eligible to apply for your students to present for up to 7 minutes.
Presentation requests due **Apr 15.**

maeoe.org/youth-summit/

EcoTech Grants

Captain Planet Foundation

The Captain Planet Foundation is dedicated to giving the next generation of environmental stewards an active understanding and love for the natural world in which they live. The Foundation is offering EcoTech Grants to schools and nonprofit organizations for the purpose of engaging children in inquiry-based projects in STEM fields that promote innovation, biomimicry/nature-based design, or new uses for technology to address environmental problems in their communities. Sixteen $2,500 grants will be awarded. The application deadline is **April 30, 2015**. Visit the Captain Planet Foundation's website to learn more about the program.

http://captainplanetfoundation.org/ecotech-grants/

Support for Agricultural Non-Profits: Grants

Farm Aid

Farm Aid supports nonprofit organizations that work to maintain a family farm system of agriculture and that promote solutions to the challenges facing rural communities. Grants of $3,000 to $10,000 are provided in the following categories: Growing the Good Food Movement supports programs that build local and regional food systems, connecting farmers directly to consumers and creating new value-added markets for family farmers. Helping Farmers Thrive focuses on projects that provide farmers with the resources needed to get started on the land, access new markets, transition to more sustainable farming practices, produce renewable fuels, and stay on the land in the face of financial crisis and natural disasters. Taking Action to Change the System funds organizations that promote fair farm policies and grassroots organizing campaigns to defend family farm agriculture. Letters of inquiry are due by **May 1, 2015**; full proposals must be submitted by **August 1, 2015**. Grant application guidelines are available on the Farm Aid website.

http://www.farmaid.org/site/c.qlI5IhNVJsE/b.2723745/k.9953/Grant_Guidelines.htm

National Ag in the Classroom Conference Scholarships!

NAITC and CHS Foundation

CHS Foundation is graciously providing a $20,000 grant which will allow *even more* teachers to attend the 2015 National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference! Engaging workshops, tours, keynote speakers and networking events will provide exceptional learning opportunities for these teachers to increase their comfort level in agricultural topics and also integrate agricultural content into instruction to meet academic standards in Science, Social Studies, Language Arts, Math and Health/Nutrition. This year's conference will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, **June 16-20, 2015!**
http://www.agclassroom.org/conference2015/chs_scholarship.htm

2015 Weather and Climate Day Contest!

National Aquarium, Baltimore, MD

The National Aquarium and Climate Central invite Maryland middle and high school students grades 5-8 and 9-12 to participate in a contest that examines the impacts of climate change. Participants will be invited to attend Weather + Climate Day at the National Aquarium on **May 16**. See all contest details here:

http://www.aqua.org/weatherclimateday

Farm & Food Spring Break Camp!

Baltimore County Ag Center, Cockeysville, MD

Monday **April 6** - Canning 101, Wednesday **April 8** - Goats Milk Cheese and Fudge, Friday **April 10** - Breakfast Muffins! Youth ages 9-13 will spend the day learning where their food comes from, gaining an appreciation for agriculture and gardening, exploring the natural world, playing games and making crafts, as well as cooking something special to take home! Single day registration $80/ Three day registration $180. Register here! http://farmandfoodcamp.eventbrite.com

Frostburg Grows! Sustainable Ag Training Program

Frostburg State University & UMD Extension

Let's Move! Garden Checklist

Ready? Set! Garden! Spring is here and the school, home, and community garden couldn't be a better place to raise a healthier generation of kids! Check out the Let's Move website for great resources and ideas for getting students active in the garden. http://www.letsmove.gov/gardening-guide

http://www.letsmove.gov/school-garden-checklist

Every Day Capacity Building Grants

National Environmental Education Foundation

Every Day Grants from the National Environmental Education Foundation, with support from Toyota Motor Sales USA, Inc., help strengthen nonprofit public lands support groups, enabling them to do more to connect their communities to the land. Capacity Building Grants will be awarded to groups who make the best case for how the funds will build their capacity to better serve the lands they love. The next deadline for application is **April 30, 2015.**

http://publiclandseveryday.org/grants/capacity-building-grants

Lament for Thomas McDonagh

He shall not hear the bittern cry
In the wild sky where he is lain
Nor voices of the sweeter birds
Above the wailing of the rain.

Nor shall he know when loud March blows
Thro' slanting snows her fanfare shrill
Blowing to flame the golden cup
Of many an upset daffodil.

And when the dark cow leaves the moor
And pastures poor with greedy weeds
Perhaps he'll hear her low at morn
Lifting her horn in pleasant meads.

- Francis Ledwidge

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