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The Buzz!

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

April 15, 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

[Farm-Based Education Gathering at Fernbrook Farms](#)

This event for Bordentown, New Jersey, is now rescheduled for Fall 2015. Date TBA!

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!

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 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>

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



GoLocal Cultivating Healthy Communities Grants

Aetna Foundation

The Aetna Foundation's GoLocal: Cultivating Healthy Communities grant program supports the creation and expansion of community gardens, urban farms, and farmers markets in underserved, low-income, and minority communities nationwide. The goal is to make fresh fruits and vegetables locally available, accessible, and affordable. Beyond the garden, farm, or farmers market itself, projects must also include one or more of the following: nutrition education or cooking classes focused on the health benefits of fresh produce; growth or distribution of produce that reflects the food traditions of the target area; opportunities to learn job skills or entrepreneurship within the context of gardens, farms, or farmers markets; and opportunities for community service or volunteer work with the project. Grant awards will be a minimum of \$25,000 and a maximum of \$50,000 over two years. The application deadline is **May 6, 2015**.

<http://www.aetna-foundation.org/foundation/apply-for-a-grant/regional-grants/index.html>

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>

Loveliest of Trees, The Cherry Now

Loveliest of trees, the cherry now
Is hung with bloom along the bough,
And stands about the woodland ride
Wearing white for Eastertide.

Now, of my threescore years and ten,
Twenty will not come again,
And take from seventy springs a score,
It only leaves me fifty more.

And since to look at things in bloom
Fifty springs are little room,
About the woodlands I will go
To see the cherry hung with snow.

- A. E. Housman

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