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## The Buzz!

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

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May 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](mailto:dtyler@maefonline.com)

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### Mid-Atlantic Farm-Based Education Network Update

#### Maryland Horse Curriculum Project

##### Second Meeting

"The Art of Outdoor and Experiential Education" at Swan Harbor Farm, Havre de Grace  
9:30 - 2pm, Thursday **June 11, 2015**

#### Farm-Based Education Gathering at Fernbrook Farms

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

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### Historic Farms to Visit in June!

#### MAEF Recommended

Why not make a summer outdoors resolution with the family, youth group, or students to visit a living history farm? Through the end of the school year and into the summer we'll feature two of our favorite Maryland and close-by ag history sites for you to visit!

#### **Oxon Cove Park and Oxon Hill Farm**

National Park Service, Prince Georges County, MD

Be sure to visit this 1812-era plantation along the Potomac River just southeast of Washington D.C. for a glimpse into the history of transformation of this well-sited farm within view of the national capitol. Living history, heritage breeds, gardens, and many trails to explore. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the shady grove for a summer's lunch outdoors. <http://www.nps.gov/oxhi/index.htm>

## Historic St. Mary's City

St. Mary's County, MD

One of the loveliest and most historic agricultural sites in Maryland, this site features an archeological perspective of the 17th century settlement with accurate reproductions, living history, and excellent interpretation. Right on the water, climb aboard the tall ship at the wharf, just a short walk from the kitchen garden. <http://www.hsmcdigshistory.org/>

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## MAEOE Conference 2016 Call for Presenters!

### Maryland Association of Outdoor and Environmental Education

In February 2016, The Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE) will bring educators, resource personnel, scientists and researchers together to share experiences and ideas. Be a part of the Annual Conference! Do you have great ideas, lesson plans or favorite activities that you want to share? Are you an expert on cutting edge Environmental Education topics? Consider presenting at the 2016 MAEOE Conference, February 4-7, 2016 at the Princess Royale in Ocean City, Maryland.

Please view information at <http://www.maeoe.org/conference> and use the link below to submit your proposal for pre-conference workshops, conference sessions and field trips. The on-line proposals are due no later than September 14, 2015, 5:00pm. Thank you for being a part of MAEOE!

Link for submitting proposals:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MAEOE\\_Annual\\_Conference](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MAEOE_Annual_Conference)

Note: *The 2016 conference will include a strand for agriculture education!* Email me if you'd like to talk about ideas for submitting a proposal under this new category! [peppig@maefonline.com](mailto:peppig@maefonline.com)

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## Forestry Camp!

### Maryland Forestry Board

Join high school students from across Maryland at this week-long camp in Garrett County to explore careers and college studies in natural resources. This partnership with Allegany College of Maryland and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources-Forest Service offers high school students a co-educational opportunity to learn from industry professionals and develop contacts that could lead to future employment and a career in natural resources. This is for any high school student interested in a green career or just interested in greening in general. The board can help with full or partial scholarships for this one week camp. See <http://www.marylandforestryboards.org/nrcc.cfm>

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## Environmental Education Mini-Grants!

### Chesapeake Bay Trust

This program was established to provide accessible funds to schools, organizations, and agencies for pre-K-12 environmental education to educate students about their local watersheds and how they can become environmental stewards and make a difference in watershed health. To accomplish this goal the program supports meaningful outdoor learning experiences around a watershed issue investigation including field trips, fieldwork, student-led action projects and schoolyard habitat projects as well as building teacher capacity to implement environmental education including professional development trainings and programs to advance environmental literacy in the Chesapeake Bay region. To apply for projects that start after Aug 2015, visit [http://www.cbtrust.org/site/c.miJPKXPCJnH/b.5457547/k.D6AC/K12\\_Environmental\\_Education\\_Mini\\_Grant.htm](http://www.cbtrust.org/site/c.miJPKXPCJnH/b.5457547/k.D6AC/K12_Environmental_Education_Mini_Grant.htm)

Note: Applications for this round of mini-grants are due June 12

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## Baltimore's Urban Environmental Literacy Teacher PD

### Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Join us for a five-day, hands-on course for Baltimore City public school teachers that focuses on urban land use issues and how our decisions affect the rivers and the Chesapeake Bay. Learn about Baltimore's ecosystems and how to use them as valuable teaching tools. We will use inquiry-based teaching techniques to explore Baltimore city schoolyards and to look at land-use issues. This course will give you the tools to build your students' environmental literacy with a rigorous, interdisciplinary approach. Participants will take home an array of activities and lessons that can be incorporated into the school curriculum. We will meet in the Baltimore region. \$50 resource fee will be refunded upon course completion. See [www.cbf.org/CCsummer](http://www.cbf.org/CCsummer) (click the June tab) Register online!

## 2015 Leopold Conference: Building A Land Ethic

### Aldo Leopold Foundation

Does Leopold's land ethic idea inform your personal and professional life? Do you want to be inspired with new ideas, connections, and experiences among a thinking community that cares about the relationship between people and land? We hope you will join us in Baraboo, Wisconsin on [August 12-15](#) for our conference! Please see the conference webpage for registration and information <http://www.aldoleopold.org/Programs/conference.shtml>

Note: MAEF will be there!

## Maryland STEM Festival!

The 1st statewide Maryland STEM Festival will be held **November 6-15, 2015**. It will consist of over 100 events across the state of Maryland. The goal of the festival is to encourage students of all ages across the state to choose STEM related careers, to showcase Maryland's STEM achievements, and to further integrate Maryland's STEM focused programs and institutions with the general community. The Festival is planning to have an event within 30 miles of every Maryland citizen. It will blanket the state and create a "Culture's of STEM.

The grassroots interest across the state is growing daily for this event. The Festival has support from the Governor's Office, both US Senators and all eight US Representatives, and Maryland Department of Education. The US Army, Maryland Zoo, National Aquarium, Prince George's Community College, Girls and Boy Scouts and many others have expressed interest in hosting events. Early financial sponsors include Northrop Grumman, Tenable, GEICO, WR Grace, Stevenson University and UMBC. More information on the Festival can be found at our website, <http://www.marylandstemfestival.org>

The Festival is looking for your help getting the word out and seeking additional event hosts! If you have any questions, please contact Phil Rogofsky, Director, Maryland STEM Festival at [mdstemfest@gmail.com](mailto:mdstemfest@gmail.com) .

### Prairie Spring

Evening and the flat land,  
Rich and sombre and always silent;  
The miles of fresh-plowed soil,  
Heavy and black, full of strength and harshness;  
The growing wheat, the growing weeds,  
The toiling horses, the tired men;  
The long empty roads,  
Sullen fires of sunset, fading,  
The eternal, unresponsive sky.  
Against all this, Youth,  
Flaming like the wild roses,  
Singing like the larks over the plowed fields,

Flashing like a star out of the twilight;  
Youth with its insupportable sweetness,  
    Its fierce necessity,  
    Its sharp desire,  
Singing and singing,  
Out of the lips of silence,  
Out of the earthy dusk.

Willa Cather

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