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The Buzz!

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

May 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

Maryland Horse Curriculum Project

First Meeting
"Nuts and Bolts" at Maryland Department of Ag, Second Floor Conference Room
9:30am - 2pm, Thursday **May 21, 2015**

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!

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 .

Horn Farm Center Seeks New Executive Director

Horn Farm Center for Agriculture Education

Horn Farm Center is located on 187 acres in Hellam Township, York County. Its mission-focused initiatives include an Incubator Farms Project, Community Gardens Project, and large-scale conventional farming, as well as special demonstration projects, community education and special events. In addition to the full-time executive director position, the Center also employs a part-time incubator farms project manager and a part-time bookkeeper. A robust volunteer corps, engaged board of directors and network of strategic partners provide significant support to the staff.The executive director position includes overseeing the development, implementation and evaluation of programs and services for the center; building strategic partnerships, and managing and guiding staff as well as a large volunteer base. Leading fundraising efforts and directing the implementation of the organization's strategic plan are key elements of the position.

For a full description of the position, please visit http://hornfarmcenter.org/job-posting-executive-director/

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

Public Lecture: Old Growth Forests

Fox Haven Organic Farm and Learning Center

Join us on **May 27, 7pm - 9pm** for a presentation by Joan Maloo**f**, biologist and author of the book "Among the Ancients: Adventures in Old Growth Forests." Joan is the founder of the Old Growth Forest Network that works to protect old growth forests across the country. A great issues investigation topic for high school biology, forestry/agriculture, and environmental science students! For registration and more information please see:
http://www.foxhavenfarm.org/events/joan-maloof-may-27th-at-7-pm-author-of-among-the-ancients-adventures-in-the-eastern-old-growth-forests/

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

Sustainable Ag Education Grant

Cedar Tree Foundation

The Cedar Tree Foundation is a small family fund whose grant making focuses on sustainable agriculture, environmental education, and environmental health. The Foundation does not accept unsolicited proposals, but welcomes letters of inquiry for U.S.-based work from non-profit organizations working within its program areas. Letters of inquiry are accepted at any time.

http://www.cedartreefound.org/

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

Ag and Environmental Programs Grant

Harry Chapin Foundation

The Harry Chapin Foundation funds 501(c)(3) not-for-profit programs that operate in the United States that fall within the areas of Community Education Programs, Arts-In-Education Programs, and Agricultural and Environmental Programs. Grant sizes range from a few hundred dollars to a

maximum of $10,000. The Foundation Board meets three times a year on an as-needed basis.
http://www.harrychapinfoundation.org/

Swallows

They dip their wings in the sunset,
They dash against the air
As if to break themselves upon its stillness:
In every movement, too swift to count,
Is a revelry of indecision,
A furtive delight in trees they do not desire
And in grasses that shall not know their weight.

They hover and lean toward the meadow
With little edged cries;
And then,
As if frightened at the earth's nearness,
They seek the high austerity of evening sky
And swirl into its depth.

- Leonora Speyer

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