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The Buzz!

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

Happy Spring!

Please send us your agriculture and natural resource education announcements! We will include them in *The Buzz* for an edition one month and two weeks prior to the scheduled event and for conferences - as soon as registration is open and as a reminder as deadlines approach. Email peppig@maefonline.com with event details. We can only fit one full page flyer in per edition, and it must be in gif or jpeg format. And as always, thank you Sam Droege for the poems! The bees are beginning to fly!

March 15, 2014

Mid-Atlantic Farm-Based Education Network Update

Mar. 26 - Maryland Ag Resource Center, Cockeysville, MD, 9am - 3:30pm

Farm-Based Education: Curriculum and Collaboration

Our first visit to MARC! Take a tour of the grounds, meet the educators, and share ideas that make on-farm agriculture education so much fun! Presentations by experienced farm-based educators will help lay a path for understanding and negotiating the challenges of working with larger school systems. The afternoon will include LUNCH, training in curriculum standards and designing K-12 lessons to use with students visiting your farm. **Registration now open!**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/maryland-ag-resource-council-fben-gathering-tickets-9247833519>

April 7 - Fox Haven Farm and Learning Center, Jefferson, MD 9am - 3:30pm

Farm-Based Education: Building on Assets

Our first gathering at this beautiful farm just west of Frederick. Join educators on a tour of the grounds, an educational session in the chestnut grove, and a talk by staff that discusses the diversification of programs and operations that makes this farm a success. Afternoon will include LUNCH, standards

review and lesson development ideas. **Registration now open!**

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June 23-27 - National Ag in the Classroom National Conference,

Hersey, PA. FBE Information Session and First Gathering times TBA. [See separate announcement below!](#)

July 22-23 - Evergreen Heritage Center, Frostburg, MD

Farm-Based Education for Students and Teachers & Leopold Education Project

Open to FBE to share their programs and lessons with teachers!

Registration and details coming soon!

Nov. 7 - Rodale Institute, Kutztown, PA 9am - 3:30pm: *Second Annual Gathering!*

FBE Management: Internship Programs. Registration and details coming this summer!

Dec. 4 - Coverdale Farm, Wilmington, DE 9am - 3:30pm: *First Gathering!*

Thinking Beyond K-12: Diversification of FBE Programs on the Farm. Registration and details coming this summer!

Oxon Hill Farm

U.S. Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Capital Parks - East
Oxon Cove Park



Celebrate National Agriculture Day!

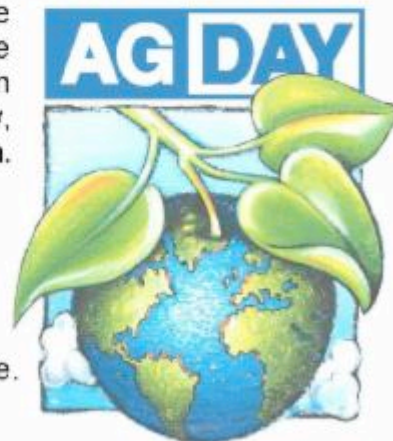


Oxon Cove Park
Tuesday, March 25, 2014
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Food, clothing, fuel... many of the products we use every day originate on a farm. On National Agriculture Day, we celebrate the vital role of agriculture in American culture and economics. Throughout the day, staff members will be stationed all around the farm. Come out and join the fun:

- Meet the farm animals!
- Take a wagon ride!
- Learn how a cow is milked!
- And much more!

For all ages. Individuals and groups are welcome. Groups of 5 or more require a reservation.



Oxon Hill Farm is located at 6411 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill, Maryland, 20745.
For more information, call 301.839.1176 or visit our website at www.nps.gov/oxhi.

EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA™

Call for Presentations - 43rd NAAEE Annual Research Symposium

North American Association of Environmental Education

NAAEE is seeking dynamic and engaging proposals for our 43rd Annual Conference and 11th Annual Research Symposium. Read about this year's strands and formats and start preparing your proposal. Submit Soon! Submission Deadline is March 31, 2014. Conference Oct 8-11, 2014, Ottawa, Canada.

<http://www.naaee.net/conference>

Richard Louv Speaking at Notre Dame University LeClerc Auditorium, Baltimore, MD

On March 18th at 7pm Richard Louv, journalist and author of eight books about the connections between family, nature and community will present the lecture "The New Nature Movement: Reconnecting with Life in the Virtual Age" at the LeClerc Auditorium. His newest book, *The Nature Principle: Human Restoration and the End of Nature-Deficit Disorder*, offers a new vision of the future in which our lives are as immersed in nature as they are in technology, resulting in better psychological, physical and spiritual health for people of all ages. His bestselling *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder* has stimulated an international conversation about the relationship between children and nature.

Admission is free but registration required. Please visit <http://www.ndm.edu/academics/school-of-education/school-of-education-speaker-series/>

2014 Regional Meeting: Living History, Farm, and Agricultural Museums Peter Wentz Farmstead, Worster PA

Join living history educators, agriculture history researchers, and historic site managers for this informative and inspiring gathering hosted by ALHFAM at the Peter Wentz Farmstead (Friday) and Montgomery County Community College (Saturday) for the Mid-Atlantic meeting, March 28-29.

From the ALHFAM announcement: Many sites have worked very hard to keep their doors open while continuing to offer engaging programs and exhibits to our visitors. Have you collaborated with another organization in your community? Does your staff assist smaller sites by consulting on some basic aspects of a larger project? Have you increased your outreach program offerings to local schools? Do you borrow animals to showcase their particular use for a specially-themed event? Are you working as a consultant/contractor to assist smaller organizations with their tours, collections care, or other day-to-day work?

For more information see http://www.alhfam.org/?cat_id=362#662 or email Kimberly at kboice@montcopa.org

National Farm to Cafeteria Conference Deadline Approaching! Austin, TX

April 1st is coming fast! Join 1000+ agriculture, food, and nutrition educators, food service professionals, farmers, federal and state agencies, food policy advocates, and others in Austin for this excellent conference dedicated to sourcing locally grown foods into schools, universities, childcare centers, hospitals, prisons, and other institutions. See the website for registration information:

<http://farmtocafeteriaconference.org/7/>

Greenfire Screening!

Bowie, MD

On March 20th at 6:45PM, the City of Bowie Environmental Advisory Committee and the Bowie Gardens for Wildlife Habitat Team will host a free screening of the Emmy® award-winning film, *Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time*, the first full-length, high-definition documentary film ever made about the beloved nature writer and legendary conservationist Aldo Leopold. The film explores Leopold's life in the early part of the twentieth century and the many ways people interpret and apply his "land ethic" ideas all over the world today. After the film, viewers are encouraged to stay to reflect on Leopold's ideas.

Join us at the Multipurpose Room at Kenhill Center, 2614 Kenhill Road, Bowie, MD.
Contact Joe Meinert for more information at jmeinert@cityofbowie.org

Green Eggs and Sand!

Maryland DNR and Friends

The **Green Eggs and Sand** Tri-State Project is a collaboration between New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland Natural Resource educators to bring a wealth of information about horseshoe crabs, including the award winning middle and high school science curriculum based on the horseshoe crab, to educators in the mid-Atlantic area. This full day workshop to be held August 6, 2014, will include a tour of a local medical facility that bleeds horseshoe crabs; a presentation by the state horseshoe crab biologist; possibly a Q & A with a local waterman; and a review of the curriculum. The workshop is free but a deposit check is required to hold a seat. Visit this link for the registration form: <http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/education/are/ges.asp>

Real Food Farm's Summer Youth Jobs Program 2014

Baltimore, MD

Mission Summer Thrive is for students who have completed 8th, 9th or 10th grade who are interested in cooking, farming, fitness, and nutrition. Students will be working outside for much of the day. At the end of the summer, they'll host a health fair for the community to share what they've learned.

Baltimore Environmental and Agricultural Apprenticeship Program is for students who have completed 10th, 11th or 12th grade who are committed to working hard and learning more about urban farming and environmental sustainability. Youth work on a variety of urban farms in Baltimore and get hands on experience on urban environmental issues such as pollution in the Chesapeake Bay, energy

use, and conservation during field trips and workshops.

For more information see <http://youthworks.oedworks.com/> as well as <http://www.realfoodfarm.org/get-involved/summer-program/youth-jobs-at-real-food-farm/>

Camp D.I.G.

Dickinson College Farm, Carlisle, PA

D.I.G is an outdoor educational camp for youth rising into grades 4-6! Discover-Inquire-Grow will be offered at the Dickinson College Farm this summer at a cost of \$175 per session. Sessions will run Monday, June 16 - Friday, June 20 and Monday, June 23 - Friday, June 27 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Campers will gain a better understanding and appreciation of our local resources by participating in hands-on learning experiences connecting them to renewable energy, stream health, sustainable agriculture and culinary discoveries. The camp is designed to foster a love of the outdoors, sense of place, skills in nature journaling, eco-art and practical experience in farming and science.

For more information and to register see:

http://www3.dickinson.edu/centers/sustainability/content/D_I_G_Camp/

Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation Happenings!

Ag Literacy Project 2014

This year's read aloud book is *What's In The Garden?* by Marianne Berkes. Volunteers readers are needed to visit schools and help spread the word about how agriculture is important in our daily lives. Check out the information flyer on the MAEF webpage!

2014-2015 Poster Contest

Students K-12 may participate in our annual contest to win a spot on our 2014-2015 calendar! Deadline for entries is April 30. Check out the information flyer on the MAEF webpage!

Scholarships for Teachers to Attend the 2014 AITC Annual Conference!

To encourage participation in the highly motivating national event, the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation (MAEF) is offering scholarships to public and private school teachers in Maryland. The scholarship will reimburse Maryland teachers the early bird registration cost for attending the National AITC Conference in Hershey. See [2014 AITC Teacher Scholarships](#) for complete information!

Be sure check out the MAEF webpage at <http://www.maefonline.com>

Forty-Five

When I was forty-five I lay for hours
beside a pool, the green hazy
springtime water, and watched
the salamanders coupling, how they drifted lazily,
their little hands floating before them,

aimlessly in and out of the shadows, fifteen
or twenty of them, and suddenly two
would dart together and clasp
one another belly to belly
the way we do, tender and vigorous, and then
would let go and drift away
at peace, lazily,
in the green pool that was their world
and for a while was mine.

- Hayden Carruth

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