

Governor Martin O'Malley's

Maryland Partnership for Children in Nature

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July 19, 2012, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Brookside Gardens Visitor Center Auditorium, 1800 Glenallen Ave., Wheaton, MD 20902

Meeting Agenda

9:30 Welcome and introductions – *Mary Cary, MSDE and John Griffin, DNR*

9:50 Action Plan updates from each of the work group Leads – *Britt Slattery, DNR*

- Promoting Outdoor Play and Learning (Outreach, etc.) – *Karen Mullin, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service*
 - Celebrate Maryland Outdoors Days
- Environmental Literacy – *Laurie Jenkins, Montgomery County Public Schools*
 - E-Lit Summit/ regional liaisons
 - Green Schools/ Youth Summit (metrics)
 - Higher Ed coordination plans
 - Every Student Every Year guidance
- Communities and Community Planning – *Sandi Olek, DNR*
 - Interactive trail map and trails phone app
 - Nature Play Spaces urban demonstration projects
- Health and Agriculture (Food) Connections – *Kim Martinez, National Wildlife Federation*
 - Agriculture education
 - Health Forum summary, issues raised, priorities for CIN participation identified

10:35 New: Capacity Building Initiative – *Laura Collard, MAEOE*

10:45 Mid-Atlantic Environmental Literacy Strategy – *Shannon Sprague, NOAA Chesapeake Bay Program*

10:55 Announcements:

- Work groups will be distributing a list of actions or tasks that need additional participants, please consider taking on a task and/or bringing in new partners who can assist with those actions.

11:00 Adjourn Partnership Meeting

11:15 Leadership Team and Steering Committee reconvene – *move to Adult Classroom*

Upcoming dates:

- August 5-9 [MSDE E-Lit Summit](#), Rocky Gap State Park, designated teams from LEAs
- August 27-28 NOAA conference: [EE Data Collection Best Practices](#), Annapolis
- September 27 Higher Ed meeting, Lathrop E. Smith Center, Montgomery County

Next quarterly Partnership meeting: Thurs, **October 18**, 10:00-12:00 at the National Aquarium, Baltimore

Thank you for your participation
Thank you to Brookside Gardens for hosting us today!