

Governor Martin O'Malley's

Maryland Partnership for Children in Nature

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July 18, 2013, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton, MD 20902

Meeting Agenda

10:00 Welcome and Introductions – *Frank Dawson, Deputy Secretary, MD DNR*

Welcome Dr. Henry Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Assessment, MSDE

10:15 Environmental Literacy –

10:15 (1) **The new Chesapeake Bay Agreement**: Environmental Literacy developments – *Frank Dawson*

10:25 (2) **Connecting E-Lit and STEM** – *Britt Slattery, DNR (moderator)*

Program Highlight: a “REAL” STEM Example – Washington College has been working with Kent and Queen Anne’s County schools to adopt the subwatersheds of the Chester River. They are integrating programs throughout the K-12 curriculum, connecting the STEM lessons seamlessly to other life disciplines and social, issues based learning – dubbing the program REAL (Real, Experiential, Active Learning). *See how they are “Making STEM REAL” and discuss how we might translate some of their lessons learned into ways that the Partnership can best help to support connecting E-Lit and STEM in schools statewide.*

- **Presentation** – *Doug Levin, Washington College*

10:45 ——— ○ **Discussion** (facilitated by the E-Lit workgroup)

- **Next Steps or Action Items**

11:05 (3) **The Governor’s Streams Vision** – *Ashley Valis, Assistant Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor*
Summary of the Governor’s Congress with Educators held on 7/2/13 and next steps toward schools adopting streams.

- **Discussion** / feedback
- What can the Partnership do to support this effort?

11:25 Funding update/ discussion – *Sarah Bodor, No Child Left Inside; Jamie Baxter, Chesapeake Bay Trust*

11:45 Ongoing Work and New Business/ Announcements –

- Community Health Initiative – school field day and next steps – *Catherine Shanks, DNR*
- Celebrate Maryland Outdoors Days – *Karen Mullin, US Fish & Wildlife Service*
- New Nature Play Space installed at Jug Bay – *Sandi Olek, DNR*
- MD Green Schools 2013 statistics – *Laura Collard, MAEOE*
- **Upcoming Events** (see list and links, next page)

12:00 Adjourn meeting -- Thank you for your participation

2013 Partnership meetings – please mark your calendars:

The full Partnership meets quarterly in January, April, July and October, and meetings are open to all who want to participate. Two of these meetings per year also include a “formal” meeting of the Leadership Team*.

The next meeting and last for 2013 will be on **Thursday, October 17** and includes the full Partnership **and Leadership Team meetings**. * In 2014, the Leadership Team meetings will occur in April and October.

Thank you to Brookside Gardens and Montgomery Parks for hosting us today!

Upcoming events/ dates:

- July 22-26 – [Explore the Patuxent: Teen Leadership Paddle](#), Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Maryland (CBNERR-MD).
- July 26 – [Youth Bird Watching](#), Patterson Park Audubon Center, Baltimore.
- Aug 5-9 – [Data & the Estuary](#) CBNERR-MD teacher professional development (5 days, 4 nights), held at CBF's Karen Noonan Center in Bishop's Head. [Register here \(through CBF's online site\)](#).
- Aug 12-16 – [Explore the Patuxent: Teen Leadership Paddle](#), Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Maryland (CBNERR-MD).
- Aug 15, 22, 29 – [TEAM \(Teaching Environmental Awareness in Maryland\) training for new volunteers](#), DNR. Join us! We especially need more volunteers in Montgomery, Baltimore, and St. Mary's Counties.
- Aug 23 – Sept 2 – [Maryland State Fair](#) ("Best 11 Days of Summer"), Timonium.
- Sept 15-29 – [Maryland Days to Serve](#), Feed the Hungry, Heal the Planet, Governor's Office. Register and hold activities across the state to help relieve hunger and protect the environment.
- Sept 16 – [2014 MAEOE Conference proposals due](#) (conference is Feb 6-9 in Ocean City).
- Sept 27 – [Youth Bird Watching](#), Patterson Park Audubon Center, Baltimore.
- Sept 28 – [National Public Lands Day](#), nationwide.
- Sept 28 – [National Hunting and Fishing Day](#), DNR, Baltimore County.
- Oct 9-12 – [North American Association of Environmental Education \(NAAEE\) conference](#), Baltimore
- Oct 18-20 – [Becoming an Outdoors Woman](#) fall workshop, western Maryland, MD DNR (registration opened 7/10, fills quickly).

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