

Governor Martin O'Malley's
Maryland Partnership for Children in Nature

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Secretary, Maryland Department of Natural Resources

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State Superintendent of Schools, Maryland State Department of Education

April 28, 2011
10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Hard Bargain Farm, 2301 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek, MD 20607

Meeting Agenda

- 10:00 Welcome to Hard Bargain Farm, Lori Arguelles, Executive Director, Alice Ferguson Foundation
- 10:05 **Welcome / Overview / Introductions**
Secretary John Griffin, DNR and Dr. Nancy Grasmick, MSDE
- 10:25 **Recent Progress on Children In Nature Initiatives – Updates from Workgroups**
- 1. Overview of current workgroups and initiatives – Britt Slattery, MD DNR**
 - 2. Environmental Literacy implementation and support for school systems**
Gary Hedges, MSDE and Jamie Baxter, Chesapeake Bay Trust (CBT)
Don Baugh, Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Laurie Jenkins, Montgomery Co. Public Schools
 - 3. Connecting to nature / Reaching underserved communities –**
 - Conserving lands that help us connect – *Carrie Lhotsky, MD DNR*
 - Nature Play Spaces – *Sandi Olek, MD DNR*
 - Park Equity Analysis – *Sandi Olek, MD DNR*
- 11:00 **Funding the CIN Initiatives – Financing Strategy**
Jamie Baxter, CBT and Tracy Bowen, Alice Ferguson Foundation
- 11:20 **The Partnership's Organization – Jeff Horan, MD DNR**
 - Partnership structure and membership, opportunities for involvement
 - Engaging *No Child Left Inside* members and others in CIN initiatives
 - No Child Left Inside Act reintroduction update – *Don Baugh, CBF/ NCLI Coalition*
- 11:45 **What's Next?**
- **Next steps:** Workgroup sessions, new work plan with timelines to be posted
 - **Future meetings:**
July 28 – MSDE, 200 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, 8th Floor, Conference Rm 6
October 20 – TBD
 - **Upcoming events:**
 - Prince Georges County outdoor ed centers need support: May 2, 7-10 pm [County Council meeting](#); June 4, 10am-3pm [Open House & Save Camp Schmidt Day](#)
 - May 21, [National Walk in the Woods Day](#)TM
 - June 3, [2011 Maryland Green School Youth Summit](#), Sandy Point State Park
 - June 25, [Great American Backyard Campout](#)
- 12:00 Adjourn general meeting / **Lunch – all participants invited**
- 1:00 – 3:00 **Workgroup Sessions**

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