

# Maryland Partnership for Children in Nature

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## July 17, 2014 – Quarterly Partnership Meeting

held at the [Key School](#), Upper School Library, 534 Hillsmere Dr, Annapolis, MD 21403

### Agenda

10:00 – 10:10 Welcome, introductions, overview – *Frank Dawson, DNR*

10:10 – 10:20 Overview of Key School's outdoor education program – *Brian Michaels, Head of Upper School*

10:20 – 10:50 **Workgroups progress updates:**

- Environmental Literacy
- Communities and Community Planning
- Health and Agriculture

10:50 – 11:30 [SustainaFest](#) – *George Chmael*

Presentation about Sustainafest's initiatives that "leverage the power of art and entertainment to spark dialogue and drive direct action" toward sustainability in our communities and the Chesapeake Bay region. A highlight of these initiatives is the Student Sustainability Lab and the new "[Tiny House](#)" project at Key School.

Discussion: *How do the Student Sustainability Lab and other projects tie into the Partnership's efforts, and what are some opportunities for mutual cooperation and support?*

11:30 – 12:00 Visit the [Tiny House](#) project under construction, the Student Sustainability Lab in action – outdoors, with opportunity to ask students questions about their project.

12:00 **Adjourn** – next meeting October 22 (see below)

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### Upcoming events/ dates:

- July 14-18 – [Explore the Patuxent: Teen Leadership Paddle](#) (session 1).
- July 14-18 – [MADE CLEAR Climate Science Academy](#), UDEL Virden Center, Lewes, DE.
- July 17 – **Partnership for Children In Nature** quarterly meeting, Annapolis.
- July 21-25 – National Marine Educators Association, [NMEA Conference](#), Annapolis.
- July 22-23 – US Department of Education [Green Ribbon Schools Awards](#), Washington DC.
- July 28-Aug 1 – [Explore the Patuxent: Teen Leadership Paddle](#) (session 2).
- Aug 4-8 – [Data & the Estuary](#), residential teacher training at the Noonan Center, Bishop's Head, MD.
- Aug 6 – DNR [Green Eggs and Sand](#) horseshoe crab teacher workshop, Salisbury. [Register here](#).
- Aug 6 – "[Explore and Restore your Schoolshed](#)" **streams educator training**, elementary, Smith Center, Rockville.
- Aug 20 – "[Explore and Restore your Schoolshed](#)" **streams educator training**, secondary, Howard Co. Conservancy.
- Sep 17-Oct 29 – [National Geographic](#) FREE online course for educators: Facilitating Learning through Outdoor Watershed Education.
- Sep 15-19 – [Maryland Homegrown School Lunch Week](#).
- Oct 1 – "[Explore and Restore your Schoolshed](#)" **streams educator training**, elementary, Abingdon, MD (Harford Co).
- Oct 10 – "[Explore and Restore your Schoolshed](#)" **streams educator training**, secondary, Jug Bay, Lothian, MD.
- Oct 15-Dec 17 – [National Geographic](#) FREE online course for educators. Water: The Essential Resource.
- **Oct 22 – Partnership for Children In Nature quarterly and Leadership Team meeting**, at the brand new [Potomac Watershed Study Center](#), a Net-ZERO waste and energy, carbon-neutral "living building" at Alice Ferguson Foundation's Hardbargain Farm, Accokeek, MD.