



## Wildlife and Heritage Education Programs



We provide free and low-cost programs to connect people to the outdoors! Listed below are educational programs sponsored or supported by the Wildlife and Heritage Service that can help you achieve a greater understanding of wildlife. Use this QR code for more information!



**Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW):** offers outdoor skills workshops specifically for women 18 years of age and older, although men are welcome to participate. Learn about a wide variety of outdoor recreational opportunities in a casual, non-threatening environment. Classes are designed to be as hands-on as possible, giving participants enough knowledge to further pursue their interests once the workshop is over. Contact Letha Grimes at [letha.grimes@maryland.gov](mailto:letha.grimes@maryland.gov) or 301-791-4736 ext 103.



**Hunter Education:** an introductory, 12-14 hour workshop on hunter safety, ethical behavior, hunting regulations and firearms competency. Contact Maryland Natural Resources Police Safety Education & Outreach Unit at [nrpsafetied.dnr@maryland.gov](mailto:nrpsafetied.dnr@maryland.gov) or 410-643-8502.



**Hunting and Shooting Sports Outreach Program:** free hunting 101 workshops and mentoring opportunities for all ages. Contact Torey Vayer at [torey.vayer@maryland.gov](mailto:torey.vayer@maryland.gov) or (410) 260-8554.



**Master Naturalist Program:** hands-on natural history classes and fieldwork for volunteer naturalists. Contact Paula Becker at



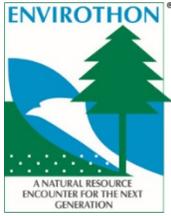
**Wild Acres:** learn about native wildlife and what to plant to attract them! This program offers a wealth of online resources, plus a menu of educational talks for your garden club or community group. Contact Sarah Witcher at [sarah.witcher1@maryland.gov](mailto:sarah.witcher1@maryland.gov) or 410-260-8566.

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## FOR YOUTH



**Archery in the Schools Program (NASP):** international style archery training and competitions for students in 4th-12th grade. Students are taught how modern archery equipment works, shooting techniques, steps to archery success, and how to improve their skills. Contact Ashley Moreland at [ashleym.moreland@maryland.gov](mailto:ashleym.moreland@maryland.gov) or (301) 777-2136.



**Envirothon:** environmental science competition for high school students. As an Envirothon team member, you will learn firsthand from the experts about the many ways that all living things are connected and the complex environmental issues affecting the world today. Contact Sarah Witcher at [sarah.witcher1@maryland.gov](mailto:sarah.witcher1@maryland.gov) or 410-260-8566.



**Youth Hunting Programs:** programs range from junior hunter field days to mentored youth hunts and other special hunting opportunities. Contact Torey Vayer at [torey.vayer@maryland.gov](mailto:torey.vayer@maryland.gov) or (410) 260-8554.

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**Education Trunks:** bring the outside into your classroom with these free hands-on, interdisciplinary teaching tools, which contain artifacts and activities to learn about wildlife. Explore our website for trunk locations and topics!



**Project WILD and Project WILD Aquatic:** over 100 hands-on, interdisciplinary activities to teach K-12 students about wildlife and conservation. Activities are aligned with education standards and suitable for formal or informal educators (6 to 8-hour workshops).



**Climate and WILDLife:** hands-on, interdisciplinary activities focused on understanding impacts of the climate change crisis (3-hour workshop).



**Growing Up WILD:** over 27 hands-on activities to teach kids aged 3-7 about nature. Activities are aligned with education standards and suitable for all early childhood educators (3-hour workshop). Kits are also available to check out for use with these activities.



**Flying WILD:** bird education curriculum including 43 activities for upper elementary-middle school and community groups. This program can be used to teach classroom lessons, support bird festivals, or to initiate service-learning projects that help birds and their habitats (3-hour workshop).