

Governor Martin O'Malley's

# Maryland Partnership for Children in Nature

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## April 23, 2014 – Quarterly Partnership Meeting / Leadership Team Meeting

held at the Howard County Conservancy, Belmont Manor and Historic Park, [Carriage House, 6555 Belmont Woods Road, Elkridge, MD 21075](#).

### General Membership Meeting Agenda

- 9:30 – 9:40 Welcome, introductions, overview – *Frank Dawson, DNR*  
*Welcome, Carole Veihmeyer, Program Assistant, Howard County Conservancy at Belmont*
- 9:40 – 10:30 **Statewide Matters relating to CIN:**
- 9:40 – 10:05 | **Maryland's Land Preservation and Recreation Plan: action items, recommendations –**  
*Sandi Olek, DNR*
- Overview and discussion of items in the plan that relate to Partnership actions and goals.
- Discussion:** *How can the Partnership support and/or help implement the LPRP and use it to advance our priorities? Identify specific tasks or next steps we can take.*
- 10:05 – 10:30 | **STEM Task Force: identifying shared goals and opportunities –**  
*George Newberry, STEM Coordinator, Maryland State Department of Education*
- Summary of the purpose, structure and actions of the STEM Task Force. How might recommendations from the group's plan drive funding and impact policy?
- Discussion:** *How does this intersect with the work of the Partnership, and how can we interact for mutual benefit? What would we like to see happen for environmental literacy as a result? How could prioritization of funding assist us while achieving STEM goals?*
- 10:30 – 10:45 **Partnership Action Plan for 2014 –** *Britt Slattery, DNR*
- 10:45 – 11:00 **Announcements**
- 11:00 **Adjourn General Meeting; Thank you to the Howard County Conservancy for hosting us!**
- Concurrent:
- 11:15 – 12:30 [Optional] Tour of the historic Belmont property and time to enjoy nature!
- 11:15 – 12:30 **Leadership Team and Steering Committee Meeting**
- 12:45 – 1:15 [Optional] Video and brown bag lunch: [School's Out: Lessons from a Forest Kindergarten](#)

Upcoming Partnership meetings:

- July 17, Arlington Echo, Millersville (AA Co)
  - October 22 **with Leadership Team**, Alice Ferguson Foundation (new green building!), Accokeek (PG Co)
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## Upcoming events/ dates:

- Apr19-20 – [Earth Day at National Aquarium](#), Baltimore, 10a-3p.
- Apr 22 – **Happy Earth Day!**
- Apr 22 – [Green Ribbon Schools Award Announcement](#), 2pm.
- Apr 22 – [Greater Baltimore Children and Nature Workshop](#), Cylburn Arboretum, 10a-12:30p.
- Apr 22 – MD DNR [Color Maryland Green contest awards event](#), by invitation.
- Apr 25 – Screening: [Schools Out: Lessons from a Forest Kindergarten](#). 12:30 at DNR, Annapolis.
- Apr 26 – [3rd Annual Early Childhood Outside Conference](#): The Arts in Nature, 8:30a-1p, Falls Church.
- Apr 29 – Webinar: **Next Generation Science Standards** at the State Level. 2 – 4 pm. [RSVP online](#).
- Apr 27 – [International Migratory Bird Day Celebration with Audubon](#), Talbot County Free Library, 10a-3p.
- Apr 30 – early bird registration deadline for [National Marine Educators Conference](#) in July, Annapolis.
- May 3 – [Spring Farm Festival](#), 11 am – 4 pm, Hard Bargain Farm, Accokeek.
- May 3 – [Guided bike tour of the Western Maryland Rail Trail](#), 10a-1p, [Fort Frederick State Park](#).
- May 11 – [Mother's Day Canoe Trip](#), 10a-1p, Patapsco Valley State Park, Ellicott City.
- May 17 – [STEM TREK Conference](#), CCBC Catonsville, showcasing best practices in STEM education.
- May 24 – [Park Quest 2014](#) begins! Check [here](#) for registration date tba this spring – it fills fast!
- May 25 – **registration deadline** for Teen Leadership Paddle, Patuxent River (see July and Aug dates below).
- May 30 – [MAEOE Maryland Green Schools Youth Summit](#), Sandy Point State Park.
- May 30 – Chesapeake Bay Trust "[Treasure the Chesapeake](#)" celebration, Annapolis.
- May 31 – [Marsh Grass Planting](#) with Audubon, at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, 10a-3p.
- June 1 – [The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Wade In](#), Anita C. Leight Estuary Center/Otter Point Creek, Abingdon.
- June 7 – [Spring Festival](#), [Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary](#), 10a-3p, Lothian, MD.
- June 14-29 – Celebrate Maryland Outdoors Days (tentative)
- June 17-18 – [2014 Maryland Envirothon competition](#), Camp Pecometh, Centreville, MD.
- June 23-27 – [Data & the Estuary: Climate Change Edition](#), teacher training at Jug Bay, Lothian.
- June 23-27 – [National Ag in the Classroom Conference](#), Hershey PA.
- June 28 – NWF's [Great American Backyard Campout](#) hosted at a variety of MD state parks.
- June 29 – [International Mud Day](#) – celebrate nature, outdoors, and mess!
- 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 at Arlington Echo, Millersville (AA Co).
- July 21-25 – National Marine Educators Association, [NMEA Conference](#), Annapolis.
- July 22-23 – US Department of Education [Green Ribbon Schools Awards](#), Washington DC.
- July 22 – Evergreen Heritage Center Farm-based Education Teacher Meeting, Frostburg.
- July 23 – Leopold Gathering & [Greenfire](#) Screening at Evergreen Heritage Center, Frostburg.
- July 28-August 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 & 20 – "[Explore and Restore your Schoolshed](#)" **streams educator training**, details tba.
- Sept 15-19 – [Maryland Homegrown School Lunch Week](#).