



Green Schools Newsletter

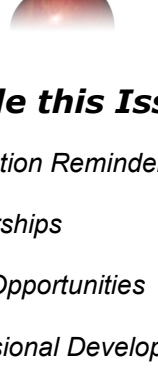
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August 2013



Welcome Back-To-School!

Save the Date:



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August 30th, 2013: Application updates will be available on the MAEOE website.

December 20th, 2013: Intent-to-Apply fee is due to MAEOE.

February 6th-9th, 2014: MAEOE Professional Development Conference (including a workshop on Green Schools) in Ocean City, Maryland.

March 24th, 2014: Application hard-copies must be postmarked and sent to the MAEOE office.

May 30th, 2014: The Youth Summit will be held at Sandy Point State Park, Annapolis, MD



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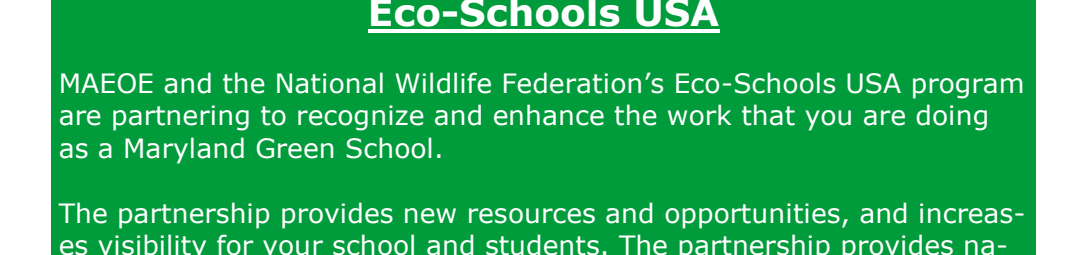


Thank You for Attending the 2013 Youth Summit!

Approximately 1,200 students, teachers, chaperones, and guests attended the 4th Annual Youth Summit at Sandy Point State Park. More than 60 schools were present at the event. Special guests included Governor Martin O'Malley, United States Congressman John Sarbanes, and Representative Jamie Raskin!

Special thanks to the students of North Caroline High School and The Friends School for volunteering their time, and to **Constellation Energy** for sponsoring the event!!

[Click HERE to watch the 2013 Youth Summit Highlight Video.](#)



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Reminder!

If you last certified in 2010, then you are scheduled to recertify in 2014. Your school may also reapply in 2014 if your school was not accepted as a Green School in 2013. Forget when you last certified? Check out the link below!

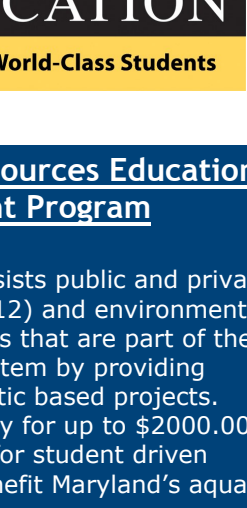
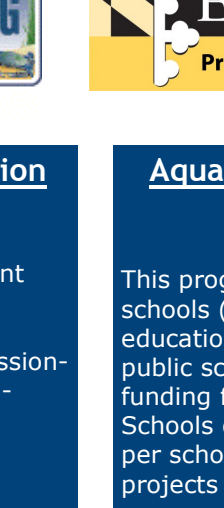
Please contact Allyson Bloom at mdgsorganizer@maeoe.org for an official list of trained Green Leaders in your county who are qualified to help you with your Green School certification.

<http://www.maeoe.org/greenschools/listing/index.php>

Green School Flags

Is your green school flag worn and tethered? Contact Allyson Bloom at mdgsorganizer@maeoe.org to order a new one at \$35.00 a piece!

Partnerships:



Eco-Schools USA

MAEOE and the National Wildlife Federation's Eco-Schools USA program are partnering to recognize and enhance the work that you are doing as a Maryland Green School.

The partnership provides new resources and opportunities, and increases visibility for your school and students. The partnership provides national and international networking opportunities to support your school and curricula greening efforts in Maryland.

[Click HERE for more information](#)

FieldScope

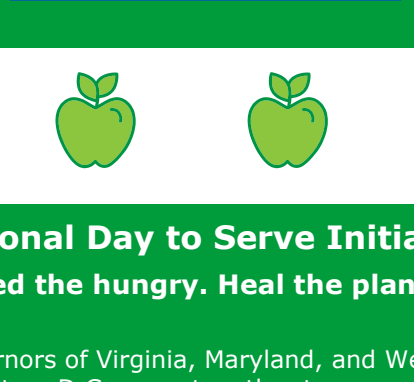
MAEOE is collaborating with University of Maryland Center for Environmental Studies and National Geographic to develop a new digital tool for Maryland Green Schools and Centers. It allows teachers, administrators, students, parents, policy makers, and others to clearly see the extent of Maryland Schools and Centers and their tremendous impact on environmental health of our region. FieldScope is a user-friendly online mapping program that allows schools to update their BMP information!

[Click HERE for more information](#)

Alice Ferguson Foundation's Trash-Free Schools Project

Want to create a sustainable, environmentally aware school but need help? The Trash Free School Project helps schools reduce waste and work toward MAEOE Green School Certification or recertification. The project engages the entire school body through education and action to foster an environmentally aware school culture.

[Click HERE for more information](#)



A Message from the Governor on his Stream Restoration Project...

"...Please take a moment to visit www.streamhealth.maryland.gov. You will find instructional resources on environmental education, as well as links to a variety of funding resources that you may not be familiar with

We can all agree that we have more work to do to get kids out of their classrooms and into their watershed or stream nearest their school, or as I like to now call it, their "school-shed," during THIS school year.

For the 2013-2014 school year, we will select up to 125 schools throughout our State to join a "focus group" of educators as we try to rapidly expand the number of students engaged in this hands-on learning and stewardship..."

If you are interested in participating, please go ahead and fill out the application by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Grant Opportunities:



K-12 Environmental Education Mini Grant Program

The Chesapeake Bay Trust Mini Grant Program supports activities such as Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences (MWEE), teacher professional development and programs to advance environmental literacy in the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers and streams.

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Next Deadline: August 9, 2013

[Click HERE for more information](#)

Aquatic Resources Education Grant Program

This program assists public and private schools (pre-K -12) and environmental education centers that are part of the public school system by providing funding for aquatic based projects. Schools can apply for up to \$2000.00 per school year for student driven projects that benefit Maryland's aquatic resources.

Grant requests must have a connection to water and Maryland's aquatic resources. Service learning and community involvement as well as student written grants are strongly encouraged.

[Click HERE for more information](#)

Professional Development:

Come to Baltimore and Celebrate the Power of Environmental Education!

"Join more than 1,000 of your colleagues from around the world at one of the largest and longest-running annual meetings expressly dedicated to increasing the reach and effectiveness of environmental education.

The 2013 NAAEE conference has something for everyone: the 10th annual research symposium, hands-on workshops, and a wide variety of sessions that address early childhood education, innovation and leadership, conservation and education, citizen science, sustainable communities, environmental issues, green schools, and more. We have a dynamic line-up of keynote speakers, and Baltimore is a fabulous host city with wonderful opportunities for field trips, restaurants, and local points of interest."

Registration is open now. www.naaee.net/conference/registration
Early Bird deadline is August 30, 2013

Green Cleaning Webinar Series

This webinar will focus on the what, why and how-to of the Green Cleaning Award for Schools and Universities. Presenters will highlight best practices and practical tips for easily completing the application and will provide background and history on the award.
Speakers include:

- Mark Bishop**
Healthy Schools Campaign
- Joe Agron**
American School & University
- Steve Ashkin**
Green Cleaning Network

Community Engagement:

The Great Nature Project

National Geographic invites you and your organization to participate in a weeklong celebration of biodiversity! Starting in September, we encourage you to grab a camera, get outside and explore the world around you.

To join in, snap a photo of a plant or animal in your area, then upload it to a photo sharing community using the hashtag #GreatNature. To participate in a Guinness World Record attempt, add #animal to any photo of an animal.

<https://docs.google.com/a/ngs.org/spreadsheets/view...>

Green Apple Days of Service September 14th-30th

Green Apple Day of Service is a global initiative of the U.S. Green Building Council's Center for Green Schools to organize service projects at schools or in the surrounding neighborhoods. In Maryland we invite you to implement any project that will work for you in the time frame you choose.

Get Involved! We're calling all teachers, parents, administrators, businesses, supporters and sponsors to join us in reaching our goal of 50 Green Apple Days of Service projects in Maryland.

[Click HERE for more information](#)

Regional Day to Serve Initiative Feed the hungry. Heal the planet.

Last year, the Governors of Virginia, Maryland, and West Virginia, and the Mayor of Washington, D.C. came together to support Day to Serve, a unique event that inspired diverse people of this wide Mid-Atlantic region of the United States to put aside their political, religious, and cultural differences to strengthen our collective communities by working together to "feed the hungry and heal the planet."

The Day to Serve goal for 2013 is to double the success from 2012

<http://www.daytoserve.org/>



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