Engaging with Nature
WEEKLY IDEAS FOR PARENTS, CAREGIVERS AND EDUCATORS

From Farm to Table
Think about the food you eat every day.

- Where are these foods from?
- Why is it important to know where our food comes from?
- Why is it important to know how our foods come to us?

No Tech Activities
No devices or apps needed
Check out a Book
Curious about the farm to table process? Check out one or more of these books at your local library:

PB&J Hooray! by Janet Nolan
Right this Very Minute by Lisl H. Detlefsen
See What We Eat, by Scot Ritchie

More ideas and activities at MAEF:
https://tinyurl.com/wwe4d8f

Low Tech Activities
Mobile device/Wi-Fi access
Visit a Local Farmers Market
Visit the Maryland Farmers Market Association website and find a local farmers market:
https://marylandfma.org/markets/

Plan and cook a meal together after your visit to the farmer’s market!

Get recipes and lots of other ideas from Eat Smart-Be Fit-Maryland:
http://eatsmartmd.blogspot.com

High Tech Activities
Device/Internet Access/Online Tools
Take a Virtual Tour of Great Kids Farm
You may not be able to visit a farm right now, but the Farm staff at Great Kids Farm has created short videos so you to stay up to date on what's going on at the Farm, to see what's growing, and to check in on the animals.

To view, visit the City Schools TV channel on YouTube!

Safe Shopping Tips for the Farmer’s Market
Get some tips from this Maryland SNAP-Ed and University of MD Extension video:
https://tinyurl.com/y277ef6t

The CASEL CARES initiative offers free webinars every Friday on Social Emotional Learning. Check out past and upcoming webinars here:
https://casel.org/weekly-webinars/

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Featured Place

Butler’s Orchard
Germantown, MD

Butler’s Orchard is a place for visitors of all ages and interests. With over 25 varieties of fruits, vegetables, trees, and flowers on over 300 acres, there’s a lot to offer. Check out their calendar of events or make a picking reservation.

https://www.butlersorcharld.com/

Summer Camps - For Kids

Alice Ferguson Foundation Summer Adventure Camp
https://fergusonfoundation.org/summercamps/

Arlington Echo Family Camps 2020 - Echo @ Home
https://www.arlingtonecho.org/camps/echo-home.html

Carrie Murray Nature Center - Summer Nature Camp
https://www.carriemurraynaturecenter.org/summer-nature-camp

Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum - Rising Tide Virtual Workshops
https://forms.gle/mX8VCAXaUfTVBd77A

Echoes of Nature - Virtual Summer Camps 2020
https://www.echoesofnature.org/summer-virtual-camps
https://tinyurl.com/y5zappr2; https://tinyurl.com/yyt6c8m2

Fair Hill Nature Center - Summer Day Camps
https://fairhillnature.org/day-programs.html

Leaders of Tomorrow (LTYC) - LEARN Virtual Arts Camp
http://lltyc.net/programs/; https://tinyurl.com/yyo6u4ye

NorthBay Adventure Family Camp
https://northbayadventure.org/familycamp/

Ocean City Estuary Explorers
https://camps.oceancitymd.gov/estuary-explorers-camp/

Pickering Creek Audubon Center - EcoCamp From Home!
https://act.audubon.org/a/ecocamp-home

For Adults

Enrichment

NAAEE Monthly Webinar Series
https://naaee.org/eepro/learning/monthly-webinar-series
Hour-long webinars on topics of key interest in environmental education. Register for upcoming events or view recorded events.

Professional Development

Maryland Centers for Creative Classrooms
Virtual Professional Learning
https://tinyurl.com/yyxjuxol
Choose your own CPD adventure!

MSDE Professional Learning Opportunities
Fall Online Course Booklet
https://tinyurl.com/j7sfm28

Sea Grant Delaware
#75MinuteScience
Four 75-minute virtual teacher workshops in August. $10 registration fee includes all four virtual workshops and a 1-year membership to the Mid-Atlantic Marine Education Assoc.
www.mamea.org/demini.html

Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation (MAEF)
http://maefonline.com/home/teacher-center/agriculture-education-events-resources/
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