



Engaging with Nature

WEEKLY IDEAS FOR PARENTS, CAREGIVERS AND EDUCATORS

Learn something new about reptiles!

- What is a person who studies reptiles called?
- Reptiles are ectotherms. What are the advantages and disadvantage of being ectothermic?



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No Tech Activities

No devices or apps needed

Create a Reptile Themed Craft

Create a corn snake using a paper plate, a piece of paper, or cereal box.

- Draw an outline of a snake
- Use glue to fill in the body of the snake with corn, dried beans, or ribbons. Or get creative with markers and crayons.

Check out **Echoes of Nature** for more reptile themed crafts:

<https://tinyurl.com/y2r386p9>

Low Tech Activities

Mobile device/Wi-Fi access

Learn More About Reptiles

Want to learn more about the Terrapin Release Program? Check out these videos that show the process of tagging the approx. 150 terrapins in the headstart program:

Terrapins in the MES "TERP" Program:

<https://bit.ly/TerpReleaseMES>

Learn more about reptiles from **Nature Nerds** with Carly and Adventure Kid Sam:

<https://tinyurl.com/y3nbppdc>

Tell us about your programs and resources!

MAEOE is constructing an ee Provider list to share with educators, parents, and caregivers across Maryland.

If you would like to feature your programs, professional development opportunities, or resources on the MAEOE website, click here:

<https://forms.gle/Eg7myy5gYzWTBmJJ6>

Questions? Contact: greenschools@maeoe.org.

Wilderness Survival Therapy | Subsistence Living for Empowerment | Self Defense

Do you love water? Do you love the forest? Do you want to spend more time outdoors?

Do you want to learn how to better interact with and benefit from nature?

Satchel & Lahoma, LLC

<https://satchelandlahoma.wixsite.com/>

Headed outside?

Arlington Echo - F.E.E.T. Camp Tips for stepping out in Nature

Make sure you are prepared so your experience is enjoyable.

<https://tinyurl.com/y5497yg6>

Poplar Island

Poplar Island is a one-of-a-kind 1,140-acre restoration project off Tilghman Island in the Chesapeake Bay. A lack of land predators, undisturbed sandy shorelines, and a variety of habitat types make Poplar an ideal terrapin nesting site.

Get more information about the Terrapin Program and the Maryland Environmental Service: <https://menv.com/service/terrapin-program/>

Additional Terrapin Resources:

<https://maeoe.org/uploads/files/Additional-Terrapin-Resources-and-Contact-Information.pdf>



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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>

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

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

For Adults

Enrichment

Parks & People Foundation
Virtual Picnic in the Park
Friday, 9/25 at 6:45 PM
<https://tinyurl.com/y3jmshnw>
Celebrate what we've been able to do with kids and new parks.

Wild Acres Public Events
How to make your habitat wildlife friendly! 9/3 and 9/24 from 7-9pm
<https://tinyurl.com/y4qajyqq>

Ethno-Racial Diversity in Wildlife
Viewing & Conservation
8/27 from 2-3pm
<https://tinyurl.com/y2romlnp>

Professional Development

Check out the MAEOE Calendar for more details on lots professional development opportunities!
<https://maeoe.org/calendar>

Get Kid's Outside in Maryland!

A joint effort by several Maryland state agencies and some other helpful partners to ensure that every child in Maryland has the opportunity to learn about their local environment, develop a connection with nature, and have a better sense of place in their natural surroundings.

<https://tinyurl.com/w6w2j6l>

Explore this site and the included maps to find locations statewide where natural interactive learning and recreation can occur. If you have any suggestions for additional locations or questions, please email us at mdotgis@mdot.state.md.us.