

NATURALISTS

Maryland Master Naturalists of Frederick County Newsletter

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Happy Spring, Master Naturalists!

This year, the Spring Equinox begins on March 20th. Longer, sunnier days are on the horizon!

For the first time in nearly 40 years, the spring equinox will occur on the same day as March's Full Worm Moon.

But that's not all: March's full moon will also be a supermoon, meaning that it will be slightly larger and brighter than most of the other full moons this year!

<https://www.almanac.com/content/first-day-spring-vernal-equinox>

Committee Updates

The CAMO committee has filed paperwork to adopt Fountain Rock Road through the Frederick County Adopt-A-Road program. This program enables us to pick up litter along the roadsides in order to improve the appearance of the community and decrease the amount of debris that washes into the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. This is an initial two-year commitment, with renewal for another two year term upon mutual consent. We need to pick up litter at least four times per year. **We need an Adopt-A-Road Coordinator!** Katy More has filed the initial paperwork and will get the program started, but she is moving at the end of the year, so we need another person to take over the program for the second year! If you are interested in learning more about being a coordinator, please let Katy know.

kmore@frederickcountymd.gov

Our first clean-up will be on Saturday, May 18th. Arrive at 9am to Fountain Rock Nature Center to watch a short safety video before performing the clean-up. Dress for the weather and bring some water!

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

- ⇒ StreamLink Tree Planting! Bring your family and friends along!
 - Dates: Sunday, March 31 and Sunday, April 7, 2 PM - 4 PM
 - Location: 8326 Retreat Road, Walkersville, MD
 - Please wear close-toed shoes, dress for the weather, bring work/garden gloves, and bring water to stay hydrated!
 - Visit <http://www.streamlinkededucation.org/macstreeplanting> to register for the event and for more information. Hope to see you there!
- ⇒ Thurmont Green Fest: Saturday, April 13, 10am-2pm
 - **Still need 2-3 volunteers!**
 - Outreach tables with MN info, Nature Council info, park info, animal biofacts, scat and track match, and Leave No Trace information.
 - Please contact Katy More if you are interested. kmore@frederickcountymd.gov
- ⇒ Weed Warriors Class and Pull Day at Fountain Rock Park
 - Wednesday, April 3rd, 10am –12pm
 - Class from 10am-11am, Pull from 11am-12pm
 - No advance notice required
- ⇒ Children's Festival at Baker Park in downtown Frederick
 - Saturday, April 27th, 10am-3pm
 - Outreach promoting the Frederick County Parks Preschool Programs
 - Need volunteers to man a table and to come up with a hands-on, low to no cost activity for children aged 2-8 while visiting the table
 - Contact Dana Collingwood: dana.collingwood@gmail.com

"Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn."

-Lewis Grizzard

Catoctin Creek Nature Center Volunteer Needs: Spring 2019

The nature center needs help with a number of programs/events this spring. Any amount of time you can offer to help is appreciated!

Project Clean Stream: Saturday, 4/6/19, 10 am- 12 pm

Join staff and other volunteers to clean up trash from the park road-sides, park property, and stream areas. Come dressed prepared to get dirty. Weather-appropriate attire including waterproof footwear, long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and gloves suggested. Meet a few minutes before 10am for instructions and to sign in. No advance notice required.

Adult Egg Hunt: Saturday, 4/13/19, 8-9:30 pm

Park staff need help stuffing and hiding eggs earlier in the day and monitoring the Egg Hunt that evening. Email Daniel Cook: dcook@frederickcountymd.gov

Middletown Green Expo: Saturday, 4/27/19, 10 am- 3 pm

Help staff represent the park at the Green Expo in Middletown, MD. We will have an exhibit there with information and artifacts, etc. Email Daniel Cook: dcook@frederickcountymd.gov

Home School Days: The instructors need extra hands during these programs to provide help with activities. We will give instructions an hour before the programs start. Just let us know at least a day in advance that you intend to be there. We can use 1-3 assistants per class. Email Sandy Burr: sburr@frederickcountymd.gov
See class list below:

HOME SCHOOL DAYS: Electricity	5-7 yrs	4/5/19	1-3 PM	Fri-day
HOME SCHOOL DAYS: Electricity	8-12 yrs	4/5/19	1-3 PM	F
HOME SCHOOL DAYS: Life Cycles	5-7 yrs	5/17/19	1-3 PM	F
HOME SCHOOL DAYS: Life Cycles	8-12 yrs	5/17/19	1-3 PM	F
HOME SCHOOL DAYS: Micro-scope Mania	5-7 yrs	4/26/19	1-3 PM	F
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HOME SCHOOL DAYS: Stream Ecology	5-7 yrs	5/31/19	1-3 PM	F
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Spring Field Trips:

We need program assistants to help our instructors carry out these programs. Previous experience is not necessary. You may be asked to help set-up, clean-up, pass around artifacts, show animals (once trained), and be extra monitors - especially during any outdoor activities. Arrive one hour before the program is scheduled to start. Most run from 10am-12pm. The schedule varies as programs are added or changed. The number of volunteers needed varies depending on the number of participants we expect. If you are interested, please send Sandy Burr your contact information: sburr@frederickcountymd.gov.

NATURE FEST: Saturday, 5/4/2019, 10am-2pm.

This is the 9th year for this event. Some Master Naturalists already have plans for this event. We also appreciate any help in set-up, break-down, activity monitors, etc. Arrive by 8 am for set-up. Contact Daniel Cook if you are interested: dcook@frederickcountymd.gov

Upcoming Advanced Training

Training at Fountain Rock Park:

- **Nature Journaling:** April 12th, 10am-12pm - Ann Payne
- **Nature Photography:** May 31, 10am-12pm - John Cancalosi
- **Improving Your Science Literacy:** June 12, 6pm-8pm - Taylor Roman

The program fee is \$10 at the door. RSVP to Dana Collingwood: dana.collingwood@gmail.com if you would like to attend the trainings.

Thank you to all of the Master Naturalist Volunteers at the Cunningham Falls Maple Syrup Festival!



Photo of Linda Hagan, MN Intern. Photo by Dana Collingwood, MN Intern.

Frederick County Nature Council

The next meeting is Monday, March 18, at 7:00pm at Catoclin Creek Park. All are welcome to attend these meetings. For more information on how you may become involved with The Frederick County Nature Council please call: 301-600-2051 or visit <http://www.naturecouncilfc.org/>. Attendance at the Nature Council meetings counts toward your volunteer hour requirements!

The Quarterly Gathering for the Frederick County Maryland Master Naturalists is coming up on April 15th, 2019. It will be held at Fox Haven Farm. Committee leaders, please come prepared with an update. If you have any questions or concerns you would like addressed at this meeting, please let Kelly Ketzenberger know and she will add it to the agenda. KKetzenberger@FrederickCountyMD.gov Please see the Save The Date below for more information.

SAVE THE DATE!

What: Quarterly Gathering

When: April 15th, 2019, 2pm-4pm

Where: Fox Haven Farm, 3630 Poffenberger Road, Jefferson, MD 21755

Please RSVP to joann@foxhavenfarm.org by April 10th.

Bring a dish to share.

Please Submit Your Volunteer Hours!

If your volunteer hours are being conducted at one of the county parks or nature centers, please make sure to fill out a county volunteer hours sheet in addition to your MN volunteer hours sheet. County forms need to be submitted monthly to each of the sites.

Volunteer Opportunity. Bring your family and friends along to these tree plantings! Please register using the link on the flyer.



TREE PLANTING EVENTS

Celebrate Earth Day with
Stream-Link Education

Did you know forests work to protect our water resources? Planting trees next to streams is one of the most effective and efficient ways to improve water quality, reduce erosion, and mitigate flood damage. Join us to learn how and volunteer to plant trees!

April 13

WALKERSVILLE, MD

April 27

FREDERICK, MD

9 AM — 11 AM



MORE INFO & TO SIGN UP:

WWW.STREAMLINKEDUCATION.ORG/PLANTINGS

Volunteer events are fun for ALL ages so bring your family and friends!
Question? Contact Lisa Baird at lisa.streamlink@gmail.com

This project is funded completely by Maryland's Chesapeake & Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund. For more information, visit: dnr.maryland.gov

Event sponsors:



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The Frederick County Rescue Mission would like Fountain Rock Park to take an Awesome Animals presentation to their Frederick location on July 9th and their Thurmont location on July 23rd. If you would be interested in volunteering for either of these programs, please let Kelly Ketzenberger know.

KKetzenberger@FrederickCountyMD.gov

CommuniTyler Volunteer Day at Fountain Rock Park

Saturday, May 18, 2019

Please join us for a day of community service at Fountain Rock Park and Nature Center from **9:00am to 4:00pm**. CommuniTyler aims to create global communities of volunteers, inspired by the memory of Ty, who desire to improve their world by engaging in their communities.

Our first Adopt-A-Road clean-up will also be this day.

No advance registration is required. You do not have to stay the whole day!