

Governor Martin O'Malley's  
**Maryland Partnership for Children in Nature**

John R. Griffin, Chair  
Secretary, Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Nancy S. Grasmick, Chair  
State Superintendent of Schools, Maryland State Department of Education

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March 16, 2011  
10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center

Meeting Agenda

- 10:00 **Welcome (10 min)**  
Dr. Kevin Maxwell, Superintendent, Anne Arundel County Public Schools
- 10:10 **Celebrating Accomplishments of the Partnership (20 min) –**  
Secretary John Griffin, DNR and Dr. Nancy Grasmick, MSDE
- 10:30 **The Partnership Plan for Children In Nature – Moving Forward – Objectives for 2011**  
Discussion facilitated by Jeff Horan, MD DNR (60 min)

**Priority Focus Areas:**

- 1. Environmental Literacy implementation and support for school systems**  
*Gary Hedges, MSDE and Jamie Baxter, Chesapeake Bay Trust (CBT)*
  - Environmental Literacy Practices / Model Programs
  - MD Environmental Literacy Standards revision and adoption
- 2. Reaching underserved communities – Conservation Jobs Corps**  
*Nita Settina, MD DNR, Maryland Park Service and Jackie Carrera, Parks & People Foundation*
- 3. Connecting to nature – Making the *Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights* Happen**  
*Britt Slattery, MD DNR, Conservation Education*
- 4. Financing Strategy**  
*Jamie Baxter, CBT and Tracy Bowen, Alice Ferguson Foundation*

- 11:30 **What's Next? (15 min)**
- **Next steps:** Establish format for April meeting –
    - Developing 2011-2012 work plan; identifying committees and priority actions
    - Partnership membership – confirm commitments, clarify contacts
    - No Child Left Inside – National update
  - **Future meetings:**
    - April 28 – Full Partnership meeting **and working groups**  
Alice Ferguson Foundation/ Hardbargain Farm (Lodge)  
2301 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek, MD 20607
    - July 28 – MSDE, 200 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore,  
8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Conference Room 6
    - October 20 – TBD
  - **Upcoming events:**
    - 2011 [Maryland Green School Youth Summit](#), June 3, Sandy Point State Park
    - **Others**
- 12:00 Adjourn/ **Lunch – all participants invited. Thank you to Arlington Echo for hosting.**