

Chesapeake

Maryland Chapter of the Sierra Club

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**Find Good Green Fun This Fall at the
Maryland Chapter Jamboree on the River!**



Explore, enjoy and protect the planet

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The opinions expressed in this newsletter are in general aligned with those of the environmental community in Maryland, but are strictly those of the authors and not necessarily official policy of local, state or national Sierra Club entities. The Sierra Club prides itself on being a grassroots volunteer organization. The concerns and opinions of all its members are welcome in these pages.

Maryland Sierrans of All Stripes Will Come Together at the Biennial Jamboree

Hiker. Policy wonk. Habitat steward. Alternative energy champion. Paddler. Wildlands advocate. Fisher. Letter writer. Native plant gardener. Composter. Wildlife advocate. Sustainable agriculturist. Only person on your block who understands the stormwater impact fee.

No matter what kind of Sierran you are, you'll find yourself at home at the Maryland Chapter's biennial Jamboree, October 18 through 20. The Jamboree is a weekend at camp for the whole family, with fun and educational activities that will inspire your conservation ethic. You'll work, play, and learn with other Sierrans who, like you, are concerned about the environment in Maryland, and want to enjoy, improve and protect it. You'll meet people who'll think that it's neat that you bike to work, or who won't think the meadow you've cultivated to sustain pollinators is "weedy."

Activities will take you outside, if you choose, for "bio-blitzes," games, campfires, or a stewardship project

to benefit the camp. Inside, you'll find experts eager to share information on such conservation projects as wetlands preservation, waste management, energy-related issues in Maryland, citizen-science, and nuts-and-bolts skills like running meetings, finding other activists, and lobbying. You might take home a treasure from Saturday night's silent—and not-so-silent—auctions. And of course, great food, music, and dancing are will be part of the mix.

This year's Jamboree will be at Lions Camp Merrick, in Nanjemoy, Maryland, on the banks of the Potomac. If you're a regular participant in Jamboree, welcome back. If you've not attended, come and see what you've been missing.

You can register via the form on the inside cover of this issue of Chesapeake, online at the chapter website, <http://maryland.sierraclub.org>, or by calling Laurel Imlay at the chapter office, 301-277-7111. ■



Images of Maryland animals of all stripes, courtesy U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Why I'm looking forward to Jamboree 2013!



Dan Andrews shares with Jamboree participants how he pared his electric bill to \$4.00 monthly.



"Bio-blitz" draws Jamboree participants to an exploration of the flora and fauna around the camp.

By David Kanter—In October, 2011 I attended the Maryland Sierra Club biennial Jamboree. I learned a lot and had a great time. I even ate vegetarian for the whole weekend!

I arrived a bit late, but folks were still enjoying each other's company and getting their bearings. We had a delightful dinner: salad greens with cucumbers, tomatoes and other salad additions. The main course was a choice of two wonderful stews; one was vegan. I tried both and was not disappointed.

After dinner, Michael Brune, SC BOSS, gave a talk on the SC and what it is doing at a national level. He discussed the Club's plans to phase out coal over the next 20-30 years as we phase in renewables. He also addressed the endorsement of "green" products made by not-so-green corporations. The thought is that the endorsement encourages a company to manufacture green products.

I was impressed with all the workshops I attended: "Moving MD Beyond Coal," "Hydrofracking," "My \$4 Electric Bill," "Rain Gardens," and "Native Americans and Natural Laws."

The "Beyond Coal" workshop provided a plan to retire Maryland's three

dirtiest coal plants and replace them with renewables. The EmPower Maryland Energy Efficiency Act would allow us enough energy savings to retire the smaller two of the power plants or the largest of the three!

"Hydrofracking" gave us an overview and some detail regarding hydraulic fracturing of deep shale to release the natural gas embedded within. The problem is that more recent fracking occurs at a depth of thousands of feet; this is below our aquifers. Toxic chemicals used in fracking have been known to damage water supplies by leaching into the aquifer. Landowners have been bowing to pressure and receiving the "princely" sum of \$10/acre for drilling rights. That's per 5-year period—not per month!

"\$4 Electric Bill" demonstrated the instructor's use of energy-provider rebate programs, combined with weatherizing and frugality, to cut his electric bill. The best tip I got was this: it's actually okay to let the seasons into your home! Yes, it's okay to keep your home a bit chillier in the winter or warmer in the summer. You will survive!

"Rain Gardens and Managing Stormwater Runoff" was presented by

Edamarie Mattei of Backyard Bounty. "Rie" showed us how to design a rain garden based on impermeable surface and a property's ground slope. We discussed native plants, grass, and required garden depth. If you have uncontrolled stormwater runoff (who doesn't?), a rain garden would be a great answer for you.

The afternoon rain put a damper—or dampness!—on outdoor activities, but we still enjoyed the day learning about each other's chapter issues, discussing MD SC goals, and shooting the breeze. A second wonderful dinner was followed by a presentation of awards and announcement of the winners of the silent auction that had been going on since Friday.

We moved on to the gymnasium for a couple of hours with Pressing Strings. The unusual thing about this band was that most of their music was actually their own, rather than cover tunes. Pressing Strings put on an excellent show. During their break, we participated in a live auction. The big items were a week in Rehoboth Beach and a weekend in Deep Creek Lake.

I started Sunday with Ron Henry's workshop about Native Americans and Natu-

ral Law. Ron featured the video of astrophysicist David Suzuki's "Suzuki Speaks," which was awe-inspiring. Suzuki discussed the damage we are doing to our planet; we must consider our impact in all we do. The entire group truly appreciated what Ron—and Suzuki—had to say.

These were not the only workshops given during the weekend—just the ones that immediately interested me. These represented about one-third of the total workshops. My biggest regret of the weekend was missing Mark Imlay's bioblitz hikes, where he and others did an intensive field study over a short period of time.

One more lunch, cleanup, some farewells to our new friends, and we were on our way. Now that I know what I have missed, I am looking forward to the next Jamboree! ■

Registration form for
Jamboree 2013
is on page 15!

Jamboree

A Jamboree Sampler

Check Out Some of What's in Store!

Camp Merrick is the ideal site for the Jamboree. It's located in a woodland environment near the Potomac River with plenty of hiking trails and opportunities for planned bio-blitz programs, camping, canoeing, and numerous other outdoor facilities. The camp has excellent and well furnished dining, recreation and sleeping facilities which are more than adequate for the Jamboree events, rain or shine. A great facility for relaxing or enjoying a fun-filled weekend.

A delightful land: sweet brookes, marishes, and a greatness of trees

Captain John Smith sailed past the Jamboree meeting site twice during his great explorations of the Chesapeake Bay, and was a keen reporter of what he saw.

Using his words as a guide, this slide show will introduce Sierrans to the nature of southern Maryland and especially Charles County, where the Jamboree takes place. Learn why Charles is Maryland's third highest county for ecological values, the dire threats to its future from the development that is also overtaking the Bay, and what can be done in response.



If there's dinner, awards, a bio-blitz at sunset, live and silent auctions, a movie, and a live band, it must be

Saturday Night at the Jamboree

featuring

Pressing Strings

October 19, 2013

Don't miss it!



Jamboree

Friday, October 18th

Check-in, 🌿 Bioblitz: Birds & Bats and/or Hike, 🍷 Dinner, Keynote Speaker, Campfire, S'mores, Sing-along, Storytelling, Board Games

Saturday, October 19th

Sunrise: Seven Directions Sunrise Ceremony

🍳 Breakfast

🔧 Workshops

- Climate Change and the Chesapeake Bay: Rising to the Challenge
- "Beyond Coal" Grassroots Media Training: Using the Media to Win Your Campaigns
- How to Run Effective Meetings
- Sierra Club Online 101: How to Find Your People and Reach Out to New Activists
- Outings Leaders Training 101
- A Delightful Land: Sweet Brookes, Marshes, and a Greatness of Trees
- LNG Exports: Opening the Floodgates
- Climate Change Deniers: A Difference in Perspective
- Getting Kids Outdoors: Running an Inner City Outings Program

🌿 Bioblitz Hike: Plants, Mammals

🍷 Lunch

🔧 Workshops

- How to Protect Your Local River or Stream: Tools for Local Water Protections
- "Beyond Coal" Legal Avenues
- Tick-Borne Illnesses: How to Avoid Them with Simple Preventive Action
- Gardening for Food, Wildlife, and Our Planet
- Water and Agriculture: Riverkeeper vs. Farmer

🌿 Bioblitz Hike: Butterflies

Bike Ride

Yoga: Afternoon stretch

Lawn Games: Volleyball, Croquet, Horseshoes

🍷 Dinner

Awards, Silent Auction, Live Band, Live Auction, Movie Screening: *Triple Divide*

Sunday, October 20th

🍳 Breakfast

🔧 Workshops

- No One Can Stop Us Now: Strong Stormwater Management Is Coming to Maryland
- Beyond Coal: Campaign Spokesperson Training
- MD Strategy for Natural Gas
- Fundraising 101: Join the Maryland Team to Help Fund Our Efforts
- Native Americans, Nature, and Natural Laws
- Maryland's Climate Plan
- Stopping a Toxic-Waste-Generating Incinerator Boondoggle
- Grassroots and Lobbying Training: The Truth about the 12-Month Strategy
- Sierra Club and Beer Social Outings Group

🌿 Bioblitz Hike: Conservation Biology and Deer Control

🍷 Lunch

Closing Circle

A Jamboree Sampler

Workshop

Rising to the Challenge

Climate Change and the Chesapeake Bay

Our waterways are experiencing the effects of climate change. What does Chesapeake Bay restoration mean when sea levels rise, temperatures increase, and storms become stronger and more forceful? Find out about how climate change will impact our waterways, and what we can do to advocate for more energetic policy responses.

To the familiar cast of bad actors spoiling the Chesapeake Bay—sediment and nutrient pollution from various sources—we can add another player, climate change, which will assume a growing role in determining the condition of our waterways. Water quality is of critical concern for the Maryland Sierra Club. Many of our members have been and continue to be actively engaged in various aspects of Chesapeake Bay restoration.

Since at least the 1980s, scientists have been warning us about the consequences of failing to limit greenhouse gas emissions, and predictions about climate disruption have become direr in the last one-and-a-half decades. According to scientists, warming of the atmosphere increases the probability of severe storms, and is associated with more intense precipitation along the East Coast. Winters and springs in the Mid-Atlantic are becoming wetter, while summer rainfall has decreased. These shifts in weather patterns are affecting the nation's water bodies. In the Mid-Atlantic region, tropical storms of unprecedented force have led to flooding events that seem to be more the stuff of fiction than reality.

As in the rest of the country, scientists and citizens alike are witnessing the impact of climate change on the Chesapeake Bay. Since the 1960, water temperatures have increased by 2 degrees F. In the last century, Bay water levels have risen by more than a foot. About a dozen islands have vanished; others have been evacuated. Thousands of acres of shoreline marshes have eroded away.

Even if the pollution which causes climate change were to be drastically reduced now—which is unlikely—the warming effect of past emissions would continue for several decades, a result of the thermal inertia of the oceans, which stalls the manifes-

tation of warming effects on land by several decades. Under current emission scenarios, we could expect a 2 to 11.5 degree increase in average global temperatures by the end of the century. But even an increase in temperatures as small as two degrees would have devastating consequences for many eco-systems.

While we lack the ability to predict the exact nature and magnitude of climate effects on the Bay, we do know that the impacts will be severe. Already highly stressed from pollution, the Chesapeake Bay is particularly affected by rising temperatures and increasing or decreasing levels of precipitation. According to the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee of the Chesapeake Bay Program, "The great sensitivity of the Bay to climate change and variability leads to the unavoidable conclusion that restoration efforts must account for the effects of climate change in order to succeed."

So it is essential that climate change be emphasized in the Chesapeake Bay agreement. Highlighting climate change in the agreement creates policy leadership on an issue that achieved scientific consensus 30 years ago. It sends a strong signal to the public that state leaders are taking action in confronting an environmental threat of possibly catastrophic proportions, and it begins to prepare the public for the fact that restoration needs to take climate impacts into consideration to succeed.

The Maryland Sierra Club is promoting the inclusion of climate-change related goals in the new Chesapeake Bay agreement. Come to Claudia Friedetzky's workshop at the Jamboree, "Climate Change and the Chesapeake Bay: Rising to the Challenge," and learn how climate change is affecting the Bay, and what our chapter—and you—can do to advocate for an effective policy response.

Jamboree

Workshop

Baltimore is Number 1 in Coal Pollution Deaths

Join the Beyond Coal team at the Jamboree

We have said it for years now and we have seen various reports on the horrid air quality in Baltimore. But this is . . . this is horrific. A troubling new report in the journal, *Atmospheric Environment*, states that nationwide, 200,000 residents die in the U.S. each year from the effects of breathing dirty, polluted air. And our own Baltimore City leads the nation in deaths per 100,000 residents.

As our Beyond Coal campaign has pointed out, the Charles P. Crane and Herbert A. Wagner coal plants in Baltimore and Anne Arundel Counties have threatened public health in the area for decades. The plants are the Mid-Atlantic's last two large coal-burning plants which lack modern pollution scrubbers. It is time to retire these plants and clean up our air for the citizens of Baltimore.

Join the Beyond Coal Team at the Jamboree to talk about the campaign and attend a few of our workshops. We'll be presenting information on Maryland's climate plan, legal avenues for moving Beyond Coal, using media to win campaigns, climate change deniers, and lots more.

See you there!

Chapter Leadership Opportunities

Chapter Seeking Nominees for State and Local Leadership Positions

Each year, the Maryland Chapter and our eight local groups hold elections for delegates to their executive committees.

The Sierra Club is a grassroots environmental organization that elects its own volunteer leadership from among its members. Every member is entitled to vote and to run for leadership positions in the club. The executive committees elected at the state and local levels run the chapter and the local groups, and determine the policies and responses to the many environmental challenges we face in Maryland. These elected leaders develop and support our legislative agenda, set priorities for conservation campaigns, facilitate communication between the chapter and the groups, and manage the finances at the state and local level.

State Leadership

This winter, the members of the chapter will elect three "at-large" delegates to serve two-year terms on the committee. The chapter's nominating committee invites all interested members of the Maryland Chapter to enter the race for these positions. We are looking for at least six people who can bring management skills, a firm commitment to protecting the environment, and a willingness to invest their time and energy for the next two years to help manage the chapter.

While experience on a group's executive committee would be helpful, it is not necessary. Your work and life experience, and your common sense, are equally important ingredients.

If you would be willing to serve for a two-year term, please submit a brief biography, no longer than 400 words, which describes your qualifications, your experience, and what you believe you can contribute. Send it to the Sierra Club Maryland Chapter Nominating Committee c/o Laurel Imlay, 7338 Baltimore Ave, Ste. 102, College Park, MD

20740. You can also e-mail Laurel at laurel.imlay@sierraclub.org, or fax to 301-277-6699.

You can also send a letter to nominate another member in good standing.

Please respond by **October 15**. The nominating committee will review the qualifications described in the biographies, attempt to bring forward a slate of six candidates, and report the slate of candidates to the executive committee. The candidates' statements and a ballot will be published in the winter issue of *Chesapeake*.

For additional information and a sample biography, please contact Laurel Imlay at the above address, or call 301-277-7111.

Local Leadership

This year we are soliciting candidates for group executive committees as well.

The Maryland Chapter is made up of eight groups that work at the local (county or regional) level. The requirements for a group executive committee member are the same as those described above for the chapter executive committee members. Serving on the executive committee of your local group is a rewarding and exciting experience. We need committed, responsible, environmentally aware people to represent us at all levels of government and to make good decisions for our state and local entities. If you would like to explore this option contact your group's chair before **October 15**.

If you live on the Eastern Shore and would like to get involved in one of the chapter's conservation campaigns, please call our chapter office at 301-277-7111 or contact one of the issue chairs listed in this issue. If you would like to help coordinate Sierra Club activity on the Eastern Shore, please contact Chapter Chair David O'Leary.

Following are the contact numbers and

areas of jurisdiction for our eight groups:

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If you are unable to reach your group chair, please contact Laurel Imlay, at laurel.imlay@sierraclub.org, or call 301-277-7111. ■

Chapter Leaders



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VOLUNTEER with US!

Sierra Club offers many different types of volunteer opportunities for anyone looking to become more involved in helping to protect the planet. By volunteering, you will be given the exciting opportunity to contribute to the betterment of our world and our future. So get active, meet new people, and have some fun!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Country _____

Home Phone (_____) _____

Work Phone (_____) _____

Fax (_____) _____

Email _____

Please select the activities that interest you.

- ☐ Attend and/or Testify at a Hearing
- ☐ Door Hanger/Literature Delivery
- ☐ Fundraising
- ☐ Host Club Leaders Visiting My Area
- ☐ Lead an Outdoor Activity or Inner City Outing
- ☐ Perform Legal Services
- ☐ Phone Calling
- ☐ Media Relations
- ☐ Signature Gathering
- ☐ Work at Club Booths at Fairs and Events
- ☐ Use My Vehicle to Transport People and Supplies
- ☐ Work in the Club office
- ☐ Work at a Mailing Party
- ☐ Trail Maintenance, Tree Planting or Other Outdoor Activity
- ☐ Volunteer Coordination
- ☐ Work on the Web Site
- ☐ Write Letters

Please list your top three conservation issues:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

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The Maryland Chapter of the Sierra Club

Your best investment to protect Maryland's natural heritage.

The volunteers of the Maryland Chapter are your neighbors. They focus on environmental issues right *in your backyard*. They battle fracking in Western Maryland and incinerators in Frederick. This year they took the lead in passing the offshore wind bill. Next year they'll be back to build on that momentum.

Few organizations can match the grassroots muscle of the Club, and the dedication of the citizens who comprise it. Not only do they help to pass critical environmental protections, they also see *that those protections are actually enforced*.

This is citizen participation as it's meant to be, and your donation helps to support it by giving the Maryland Chapter the resources it needs to organize and prepare. Please donate to help these good people continue their work for all of us!



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SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SIERRA CLUB

We send out an appeal in March to each of our members, asking for contributions directly to our Chapter. These contributions really do make a difference to us, and are an important part of our Chapter's budget.

When you make a donation to the Chapter, you support the Sierra Club's work in your own backyard. You allow us to continue our work to protect wilderness and wildlife, to improve the quality of life in our cities, and to promote the enjoyment of nature.

Please be as generous as you are able - and remember, these funds directly affect your way of life in your neighborhood.

Contributions, gifts and dues to the Sierra Club are not tax-deductible.

Please Mail Contributions to: Sierra Club, Maryland Chapter
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Outings (General Information)

Get Outdoors and Explore, Enjoy, and Protect the Planet

All of our activities, including those listed below, can be viewed on the Sierra Club's Online Activity and Registration System (OARS). For activities in the Maryland Chapter, go to the chapter website, www.maryland.sierraclub.org, and click on "Get Outdoors." In addition to the "outings," you will also be able to review upcoming social events, club support events, meetings and activist events. You can sort the list by location, type of activity, or date of activity. Sierra Club outings are open to everyone, members and non-members alike. Outings are intended to be wholesome, safe, and enjoyable experiences in the outdoors.

Participants must have proper clothing, equipment, and stamina suitable to the event, and are encouraged to select activities that match their individual abilities for outdoor adventures. The Club offers a variety of outings from "easy" to "strenuous" that suit all activity levels. The difficulty of each outing is clearly designated in the announcement.

Reservations are generally not required for a local outing unless noted, but the outing leader should be contacted in advance for questions about the terrain, the difficulty or duration of the trip, recommended clothing, footwear and equipment. Activities are normally held "rain or shine," but may be postponed at the leader's discretion for safety reasons in the event of inclement weather.

All outdoor activities carry a degree of risk, and some take place in locations where professional emergency medical aid may be two or more hours away. People with health concerns should consult a physician to determine the advisability of participating in these or similar activities. The Club outing leader is responsible for the safety of all participants, and has the final authority to decide whether or not an individual may participate on a specific outing. Sierra Club safety policy requires that helmets be worn on bicycling outings. Also, any participant must wear a personal flotation device (PFD)

on outings using personal watercraft such as kayaks or canoes.

Unless noted in the announcement, Club outings are intended for adults. Children and dogs are not normally permitted, unless an outing is so designated. Even on outings that are designated as child/dog friendly, please contact the leader in advance before bringing minors or pets. Minors (under 18 years of age) must be accompanied by a parent or a legal guardian, or they must have both a signed permission slip, and the leader's prior consent to participate in the Club outing. Dogs must be non-aggressive, well-behaved, and on a leash.

Sierra Club outings officially begin and end at the trailhead, paddlecraft put-in/take-out point, or some other similar designated locality near the activity. Travel to the official starting point and back, even from an advertised meeting place, is the sole responsibility of each participant. While the Club encourages carpooling, such arrangements are strictly between the riders and the drivers, and are not a part of the outing. Participants assume full responsibility and liability for all risks associated with such travel.

All participants on Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver, which can be viewed on the web at <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/index.asp>. Sierra Club local outings are free of charge, although payment of park entrance fees, a share of campsite rental costs, permit fees, equipment rental charges, etc. may be required from the participants. Such costs are specified in the announcement whenever possible.

The Sierra Club practices "leave-no-trace" trail techniques, including hiking and camping on durable surfaces, minimizing campfire impacts, packing out all trash, respecting wildlife, being considerate of other visitors, and leaving the environment as it was found.

Take only pictures, leave only footprints, and have fun out there. ■

Outings (September)

Abbreviations Used

Most outings in the Maryland Chapter are run at the group level, with a few chapter and inter-chapter events. The group originating the outing is identified in parentheses by the leader's name. These and other abbreviations used are listed below:

AA:	Anne Arundel Group
AMC:	Appalachian Mountain Club
AT:	Appalachian Trail
BLM:	Bureau of Land Management
CCA:	Canoe Cruisers Association (Washington, D.C.)
CG:	Catoctin Group
C&O:	Chesapeake and Ohio Canal
FFA:	Family Friendly Activity (kids/dogs ok, but check with leader)
FWS:	(U.S.) Fish and Wildlife Service
GB:	Greater Baltimore Group
GWNF:	George Washington Natl. Forest
HC:	Howard County Group
JNF:	Jefferson Natl. Forest
MNF:	Monongahela Natl. Forest
MC:	Montgomery County Group
NPS:	Natl. Park Service
NRA:	Natl. Recreation Area
NWR:	Natl. Wildlife Refuge
PRO:	Sierra Club Potomac Region Outings (SCPRO)*
SF:	State Forest
SM:	Southern MD Group
SP:	State Park
SNP:	Shenandoah Natl. Park

* For hike ratings of SCPRO, refer to their website at <http://www.sierrapotomac.org/rating.htm>



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

**Baltimore ICO Outing
Baltimore Inner City Outings
Leader Training 101 Part 2**

Nicole Veltre
baltimoreinnercityoutings@gmail.com
Digital Harbor High School, 1100 Covington Street, Baltimore
Outdoor Leadership Training 101 is the course Inner City Outings requires all certified Leaders to attend. We will be discussing all the essential elements of planning a safe and meaningful BICO trip. Lite food will be served.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

**Maryland Chapter Outing
Magruder Park Invasive Species
Plant removal**

Marc Imlay 301-442-5657
ialm@erols.com
Colleen Aistis 301-779-0245
aistis1@verizon.net
Magruder Park, Hyattsville, MD
Protect Native plants including aster, blackberry, pokeberry, tulip popular, sweetgum, sycamore, poison ivy, skunk cabbage, American grape, American beech, and silver maple in the woodlands and forested swamp. PLEASE RSVP Colleen or Marc if you plan to attend.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 9:00 AM

**Howard County Group Outing
Hike: Catoctin Mountain Park, MD**

James Perschy 410-964-1902
jameshike@verizon.net
Catoctin Mountain Park, Thurmont
Moderate 8 mile hike, visiting Cunningham Falls, Wolf Rock and Chimney Rock. Bring lunch and water. Meet at the Bagel Bin off Rt. 40 in the Enchanted Forest Shopping

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Center, for a 9:00 departure. Or contact the leader to meet at the Catoctin Visitor Center.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

Baltimore ICO Outing

Baltimore Inner City Outings

Leader Training OLT 101 First Aide

Nicole Veltre

baltimoreinnercityoutings@gmail.com

Digital Harbor High School, 1100

Covington Street, Baltimore

Outdoor Leadership Training 101 is

the course Inner City Outings

requires all certified Leaders to

attend. Basic first aid and CPR will be

covered. Lite food will be served.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 9:00 AM

Howard County Group Outing

Hike: Soldiers Delight, MD

Ken Clark 443-280-4050

kenclark7@live.com

Soldiers Delight, Owings Mills

Easy 5 mile hike through an

interesting geological area with

serpentine rock and old chromium

mines. Bring water and a snack. Meet

at 9:00 at Long Gate Parkway Park &

Ride, off Rt. 100, just east of Rt. 29.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 11:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

Maryland Chapter Outing

Little Paint Branch Park &

Cherry Hill Road Community Park

Invasive Species removal

Marc Imlay 301-442-5657

ialm@erols.com

Little Paint Branch Trail, Beltsville

Our day will include natural history

and special features of the park,

methods and reasons for the project

to control the spread of invasives.

Native flowers and other plants will

be identified as we work to rescue

them. Native plants to enjoy and

protect at Little Paint Branch Park

identified by Joe Metzger include:

Jack in the Pulpit, White Wood Aster,

Spring Beauty, Trout Lilly, Strawberry

Bush, American Holly, Spotted

Touch-me-not (Jewel Weed), Eastern

Grasswort, Woodrush, Flat Tree Club

Moss, Partridge-berry, Cinnamon

Fern, Dwarf Ginseng, Virginia

Knotweed, Cinque-foil, Cursed

Crowfoot, Buttercup, Dewberry,

Black Raspberry, Elderberry,

Solomon's Seal, Goldenrod, Skunk

Cabbage, Meadow-Rue, New York

Fern, Crane-fly Orchid, Low Blueberry,

Possum-haw, Common Blue Violet,

and Netted Chain Fern.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

Montgomery County Group

Outing

5th Annual Montgomery County

Farm Tour and Picnic

Kristina kristina@mocoalliance.org

Poolesville Golf Course, 16601 West

Willard Road, Poolesville

Please join us for a day of autumn

cycling featuring the sweeping rural

landscapes, lightly traveled roads

and the charming orchards of our

cherished Ag Reserve. Stops include

Homestead Farm, where you can

sample their homemade apple pie à

la mode, the Comus Market, home of

beekeeper and pumpkin grower,

David Heisler, and last but not least,

Kingsbury's Orchard. Moderately

hilly routes of approximately 17, 25,

35, 55 and 75 miles will depart from

Poolesville Golf Course (about one

mile past Poolesville High School on

West Willard Road). Participating in

the ride only (no picnic lunch) is free!

Open to members and

nonmembers! We need volunteers to

help set up and take down the

picnic, park cars and guide bikers. We

can offer SSL hours to MCPS

students. Kingsbury's Orchard

will host a delicious gourmet picnic

from 12:30 p.m. till 3 p.m.

Registration for the picnic lunch is

required. Price is \$12 per person, and

registration by September 25 is

required.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 8:30 AM

Howard County Group Outing

Hike: Patapsco - Rockburn Branch

James Perschy 410-964-1902

jameshike@verizon.net

Rockburn Branch Park, 5400 Landing

Rd, Elkridge

Moderate 7-8 mile hike with several

steam crossings, following the

Patapsco River on the Valley View

Trail. Bring lunch and water. Meet at

8:30 in Rockburn Branch Park, the

entrance off Landing Road one mile

north of Montgomery Road; park in

the lot at the end of the road under

the power lines.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 9:00 AM

Howard County Group Outing

Hike: Patuxent Branch Trail,

Columbia

Sue Muller 301-498-8462

sonicsue@verizon.net

Patuxent Branch Trail, Columbia

Easy 6 mile "sneaker hike" on paved

trails in Columbia, along the Little

Patuxent River, around Lake Elkhorn,

and return before lunch. Meet at 9:00

at the trailhead parking lot, across

from 9175 Guilford Rd, Columbia.

SAT. AND SUN. OCT. 12 AND 13

Greater Baltimore Group Outing

Camping: Car Camping at

Caledonia State Park in PA

Jack Wise 410-256-3963

Camp overnight at Caledonia State

Park and hike moderate trails both

days exploring lakes and streams in

the Michaux State Forest in southern

Pennsylvania. We will hike parts of

the Appalachian Trail with some

good views. Call Jack for details at

410-256-3963.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 8:30 AM

Howard County Group Outing

Hike: Great Falls Billy Goat Trail

Ken Clark 443-280-4050

kenclark7@live.com

117 MacArthur Boulevard, Potomac

Moderate 8 mile hike on trails near

the Potomac River, with short rock

scrambles on the Billy Goat Trail.

Enjoy dramatic scenery and observe

wildlife. Bring lunch and water.

Depart at 8:30 from the west lot of

the Broken Land Parkway Park & Ride

at Rt. 32.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

Southern Maryland Group Outing

Ruth B. Swann Park Stewardship

Work Day

Marc Imlay 301-283-0808

ialm@erols.com

3200-3248 Wright Road, Indian Head,

Chapman Forest and Ruth Swann

Park WHEN: 2nd Saturday monthly

TIME: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Get outdoors

and help us remove alien invasive

weeds that threaten about 800

native plant species at 800 acre

Chapman Forest and contiguous

Swann Park near the Mattawoman

Creek and Potomac River. There are

about 3,000 native plant species in

Maryland, with 800 at Chapman

Forest and contiguous Swann Park,

49 of which are endangered.

Remove invasive non-natives from

the 200-acre Swann Park. There will

be time for plant identification and a

beautiful beach lunch. Learn about

best season for species, wet soil

condition for pulling, extent of area

of natives seen rescued, delayed

gratification, targeted use of

herbicides, and matching funds for

staff to do what volunteers find hard

to do.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 10:00 AM

Howard County Group Outing

Hike: Patapsco Valley State Park,

Glen Artney/Orange Grove

Tim Ryan 410-248-2974

hikertimnh48@gmail.com

Rolling Road Park & Ride, Halethorpe

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Moderate 8 mile circuit hike in the Glen Artney/Orange Grove areas of the park, on the Soapstone, Valley View and Vineland Spring Trails. Lunch at the Cascades. Bring lunch and water. Hike starts at 10:00 from the Rolling Road Park & Ride, I-195 @ MD 166. Call Tim Ryan before 9:30 PM, 410-248-2974, hikertimnh48@gmail.com.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 12:00 AM TO SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, (TIME TENTATIVE)

Greater Baltimore Group Outing Appalachian Trail Club Cabin Trip- Hosted by Shel

John Genakos 443-717-4740
baltimoresierrans@gmail.com
Michele Spangle 410-370-7378
shelobel@hotmail.com
Spend the weekend in a rustic Potomac Appalachian Trail Club cabin in a beautiful spot hiking (day hikes) and enjoying the fall colors with friends. These are hike-in (about 1/2 mile) cabins with bunks and cooking supplies (pots, pans, cups), and a wood stove and fire pit, but no running water or electricity. Cost will be \$10-20 per person and you'll need to bring your own food, camp stove, water (or a filtration device), and sleeping bag. Location TBD, but likely off of Skyline Drive in Virginia. Space is limited. Please check your calendar and RSVP to Shel - shelobel@hotmail.com.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 12:00 PM TO SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, Baltimore ICO Outing Becoming an Outdoor Woman Fall Workshop

Patricia Handy 410-260-8537
phandy@dnr.state.md.us
Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Fall Workshop (Registration & Information available Summer BOW website: <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/wildlife/Education/bow/index.asp> BOW

Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Maryland-BOW/108097299222490>

Maryland Chapter **Jamboree**

Friday evening, October 18 through Sunday afternoon, October 20

Lions Camp Merrick,
Nanjemoy, MD

Don't miss this fun-filled weekend! Meet great people and enjoy live music, "bioblitz" hikes led by naturalists, environmental workshops, guest speakers, games, campfire, live and silent auctions, and fun for the whole family. Have fun, explore the beautiful park, and meet others from your local Sierra Club!

See the registration form on the inside back cover.

For more information, call the chapter office at 301-277-7111, or check the website, <http://maryland2.sierraclub.org>

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 9:00 AM Howard County Group Outing Hike: McKeldin area, Patapsco State Park

James Perschy 410-964-1902
jameshike@verizon.net
McKeldin area, Patapsco State Park
Moderate 4 mile hike along the Patapsco River, past McKeldin Falls. Meet at 9:00 at the parking lot just inside the park entrance off Marriottsville Road, 4 miles north of I-70 on the right.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 8:30 AM Howard County Group Outing Hike: Patuxent River Park - Jug Bay Ken Clark 443-280-4050 kenclark7@live.com

Patuxent River Park, 8400 Mcclure Road, Upper Marlboro, MD
Moderate 7 mile hike in P.G. County. Observe a large variety of plants and animals in the forest, fields, and wetlands. Bring lunch and water. Depart at 8:30 from the west lot of the Broken Land Parkway Park & Ride at Rt. 32.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 11:00 AM TO 3:00 PM Maryland Chapter Outing Little Paint Branch Park & Cherry Hill Road Community Park Invasive Species removal Marc Imlay 301-442-5657 ialm@erols.com

Little Paint Branch Trail, Beltsville
Our day will include natural history and special features of the park, methods and reasons for the project to control the spread of invasives. Native flowers and other plants will be identified as we work to rescue them. Native plants to enjoy and protect at Little Paint Branch Park identified by Joe Metzger include: Jack in the Pulpit, White Wood Aster, Spring Beauty, Trout Lilly, Strawberry Bush, American Holly, Spotted Touch-me-not (Jewel Weed), Eastern Grasswort, Woodrush, Flat Tree Club Moss, Partridge-berry, Cinnamon Fern, Dwarf Ginseng, Virginia Knotweed, Cinque-foil, Cursed Crowfoot, Buttercup, Dewberry, Black Raspberry, Elderberry, Solomon's Seal, Goldenrod, Skunk Cabbage, Meadow-Rue, New York Fern, Crane-fly Orchid, Low Blueberry, Possum-haw, Common Blue Violet, and Netted Chain Fern.



ANYTIME.
**Greater Baltimore Group Outing
Cross Country Skiing**
Jack Wise, 410-256-3963
Ski locally or in Western Maryland or West Virginia as weather and snow conditions permit. Call Jack Wise for details at 410-256-3963.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 7:30 AM

**Howard County Group Outing
Hike: Little Devils Stairs, VA**
Ken Clark 443-280-4050
kenclark7@live.com
Keyser Run Road, Washington, VA
Strenuous 8 mile hike in Shenandoah NP, rough and steep at times, with numerous stream crossings. Look for walking stick bugs and other wildlife. Bring lunch and water. Depart at 7:30 from the west lot of the Broken Land Parkway Park & Ride at Rt. 32.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 11:00 AM

**Greater Baltimore Group Outing
Hike: Cromwell Valley Park**
Jack Wise, 410-256-3963
Hike 5-6 miles through woodlands and meadows and along streams. Meet at 11 am in the parking lot for the Willow Grove Farm. Take the 2nd entrance for the park off Cromwell Bridge Rd. off the Baltimore Beltway in the Towson area. Call Jack for details at 410-256-3963.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 8:30 AM

**Howard County Group Outing
Hike: Harpers Ferry, WV**
Tim Ryan 410-248-2974
hikertimnh48@gmail.com
U.S. 340, Harpers Ferry, WV
Strenuous 9 or 11 mile hike through

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3 states, with spectacular overlooks of historic Harpers Ferry at the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers. Follow the C&O canal, walk through town, and ascend to Maryland Heights, Loudoun Heights, Split Rocks, and Jefferson Rocks. Bring lunch and water. Meet at the Bagel Bin off Rt. 40 in the Enchanted Forest Shopping Center, for an 8:30 departure. Call Tim Ryan before 9:30 PM, 410-248-2974, hikertimnh48@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

Southern Maryland Group Outing Ruth B. Swann Park Stewardship Work Day

Marc Imlay 301-283-0808
ialm@erols.com

3200-3248 Wright Road, Indian Head, Chapman Forest and Ruth Swann Park WHEN: 2nd Saturday monthly TIME: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Get outdoors and help us remove alien invasive weeds that threaten about 800 native plant species at 800 acre Chapman Forest and contiguous Swann Park near the Mattawoman Creek and Potomac River. There are about 3,000 native plant species in Maryland, with 800 at Chapman Forest and contiguous Swann Park, 49 of which are endangered. Remove invasive non-natives from the 200-acre Swann Park. There will be time for plant identification and a beautiful beach lunch. Learn about best season for species, wet soil condition for pulling, extent of area of natives seen rescued, delayed gratification, targeted use of herbicides, and matching funds for staff to do what volunteers find hard to do.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 9:00 AM

Howard County Group Outing Hike: Sugarloaf Mountain

James Perschy 410-964-1902
jameshike@verizon.net
Sugarloaf Mountain, Dickerson
Moderate 7 mile hike featuring rocky outcrops with sweeping views. Bring lunch and water. Meet at the Bagel Bin off Rt. 40 in the Enchanted Forest Shopping Center, for a 9:00 departure.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 11:00 AM

Greater Baltimore Group Outing Hike: Glen Ellen—Seminary Trail, Loch Raven Reservoir

Jack Wise 410-256-3963
Moderate 7-8 miles around coves, along streams, and through woodlands bordering Loch Raven Reservoir. Meet at 11 am where you park along Seminary Rd. just past the light left from the intersection with

Dulaney Valley Rd. heading north from the Baltimore Beltway. Call Jack for details at 410-256-3963.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 11:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

Maryland Chapter Outing Little Paint Branch Park & Cherry Hill Road Community Park Invasive Species removal

Marc Imlay 301-442-5657
ialm@erols.com
Little Paint Branch Trail, Beltsville
Our day will include natural history and special features of the park, methods and reasons for the project to control the spread of invasives. Native flowers and other plants will be identified as we work to rescue them. Native plants to enjoy and protect at Little Paint Branch Park identified by Joe Metzger include: Jack in the Pulpit, White Wood Aster, Spring Beauty, Trout Lilly, Strawberry Bush, American Holly, Spotted Touch-me-not (Jewel Weed), Eastern Grasswort, Woodrush, Flat Tree Club Moss, Partridge-berry, Cinnamon Fern, Dwarf Ginseng, Virginia Knotweed, Cinque-foil, Cursed Crowfoot, Buttercup, Dewberry, Black Raspberry, Elderberry, Solomon's Seal, Goldenrod, Skunk Cabbage, Meadow-Rue, New York Fern, Cranefly Orchid, Low Blueberry, Possum-haw, Common Blue Violet, and Netted Chain Fern.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 11:00 AM

Greater Baltimore Group Outing Hike: Jerusalem Mill, Gunpowder Falls State Park

Jack Wise 410-256-3963
Moderate 7-8 miles along the river and through woodlands in the Jerusalem Mill section of Gunpowder

Falls State Park. Meet at 11 am in the parking lot beside the blacksmith shop in the historic Jerusalem Mill Village. Reach the park from Belair Rd. north of the Baltimore Beltway taking the right fork onto Jerusalem Rd. in Kingsville. Call Jack for details at 410-256-3963.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 9:00 AM

Howard County Group Outing Hike: Savage Park, Wincopin Trail

Ken Clark 443-280-4050
kenclark7@live.com
Wincopin Trail, Jessup
Your choice, an easy 3.5 or moderate 7 mile hike along the Middle and Little Patuxent Rivers. Meet at 9:00 at Patuxent Valley Middle School, off Vollmerhausen Road just west of Savage Guilford Rd.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 9:00 AM

Howard County Group Outing Hike: Gambrill State Park, MD

Tim Ryan 410-248-2974
hikertimnh48@gmail.com
Gambrill State Park, Frederick
Moderate 7 mile hike on wooded trails, with several scenic overlooks. Bring lunch and water. Meet at the Bagel Bin off Rt. 40 in the Enchanted Forest Shopping Center, for a 9:00 departure. Call Tim Ryan before 9:30 PM, 410-248-2974, hikertimnh48@gmail.com.

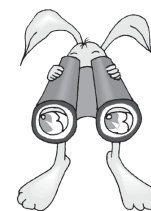
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Bequests have played a key role in Sierra Club's environmental successes over the years.

Planning now may make your gift more meaningful and reduce taxes on your estate. We have many gift options available. We can even help you plan a gift for your local Chapter.

For more info and confidential assistance, contact:
Sierra Club
Gift Planning Program
85 Second Street, Second Floor
San Francisco, CA 94105
gift.planning@sierraclub.org • (800) 932-4270



For more outings or events,
scope out our website!

[http://
maryland.sierraclub.org/
maryland-outings/calendar](http://maryland.sierraclub.org/maryland-outings/calendar)

BICO Outings

Baltimore Inner City Outings

Sierra Club Inner City Outings (ICO) is a community outreach program providing opportunities for urban youth and adults to explore, enjoy and protect the natural world. Founded in 1999 with the goal of providing under-served Baltimore City youth with educational, enjoyable and safe outdoor experiences at no cost to them, Baltimore ICO (BICO) has conducted more than 350 outings serving over 3,000 youngsters.

BICO provides environmental education and promotes respect for the outdoors; teamwork and leadership skills; and a community service ethic. BICO's outings in and around Baltimore include nature hikes & orienteering; camping, canoeing, cycling & caving; initiative and confidence coursework; and community service for Baltimore's Recreation & Parks Department.

We are associated with College Gardens Community Center (CGCC), Digital Harbor High School (DHH), Mi Espacio (ME), Paul's Place (PP), and Southwest Baltimore Charter School (SBCS).

For more information and a complete schedule of our outings, visit our website at <http://ico.sierraclub.org/baltimore>.

SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 19 6:00pm
OLT 101 Training Part 2

Monday, September 23 3:30pm
SBCS BICO Club Meeting

Thursday, September 26 6:00pm
OLT 101 - First Aid

Saturday, September 28 8:00am
PP - Bird Watching at Patterson Park

Saturday, September 28 8:30am
SBCS Snowgoose Trip

Monday, September 30 3:30pm
SBCS BICO Club Meeting

Saturday, October 12 8:00am
PP- Snow Goose

Fri, October 18, 12pm – Sun, October 20, 1pm
Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Fall Workshop

Jamboree

Reduce, Recycle, Reuse at the Jamboree Auction

Silent and live auctions are a tradition at our Maryland Chapter Jamboree and provide a way for members to reduce their inventory of stuff they no longer use, but which someone else might be delighted to have. We're looking for items connected to the environment, nature, the outdoors—not the usual yard sale array. Camping and birding equipment is always good. Stuff used in outdoor activities, like specialized clothing, biking gear, hiking poles and the like are popular with attendees. Nature books are popular—and make Christmas gifts.

To give you an example of the kinds of things we're looking for, here are some of the items that have already been donated for this year:

Bird House, folding camp stool, life vest (for boating), large fannie pack, three rain parkas, several winter scarves, backpack suitable for day hikes . . . you get the picture.

So Sierrans, think of things you have that you no longer use but are in good shape, and send me a message with the item description and a suggested value. The auction is a popular event during the Jamboree and proceeds from it help to pay for the event. By donating, you will be clearing out your stuff (don't we all need to do that!) and also helping the Club! And I hope you sign up for the Jamboree. There's great food, workshops, hikes and the like in a beautiful outdoor setting. You'll be glad you came.

Thanks!!

Betsy Johnson
betsy.johnson@mdsierra.org



Explore, enjoy and protect the planet

All Creatures Great and Small



"Every good thing, great and small, needs defense"

- John Muir

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Join today and receive a FREE Sierra Club Weekender Bag!



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Cardholder Name _____
Card Number _____
Exp. Date ____/____/____
Signature _____

Membership Categories	Individual	Joint
Special Offer	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15	
Standard	<input type="checkbox"/> \$39	<input type="checkbox"/> \$49
Supporting	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
Contributing	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150	<input type="checkbox"/> \$175
Life	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1250
Senior	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35
Student/Limited Income	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35

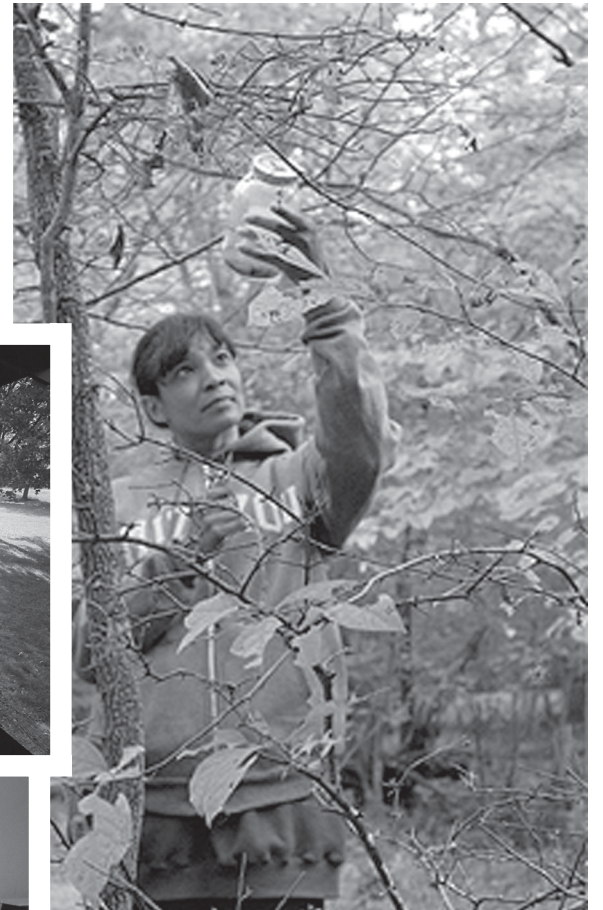
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Enclose a check and mail to Sierra Club,
P.O. Box 421041, Palm Coast, FL 32142-1041

or visit our website www.sierraclub.org F94Q W 1

Jamboree Scrapbook

There's something for everyone at the Jamboree—fun, fellowship, and friends old and new. Come out with your family, friends, or on your own, and enjoy a weekend of environmental activities and awareness on the shore of the Potomac.



Don't miss the fun at the Maryland Chapter's Biennial Jamboree!

Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, October 18-20

Maryland Chapter

Jamboree
on the Potomac

Lions Camp Merrick, Nanjemoy, MD

Don't miss this fun-filled weekend! Meet great people and enjoy live music, "bio-blitz" hikes led by naturalists, environmental workshops, guest speakers, games, campfire, drumming, live and silent auctions, and fun for the whole family. Have fun, explore the riverside, and meet others from your local Sierra Club!

All meals and dormitory lodging included in the registration price. Price: \$75 Adult, \$55 Student/Low Income, \$45 Worker, \$10 Children 6-12 years, FREE for those 5 and under. Can't make it for the whole weekend? Tickets are available just for Friday evening, one day or Saturday evening's concert. Contact Laurel Imlay at 301-277-7111 for details about single event or camping registration. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Sierra Club Maryland Chapter's work.

Come on out for a great weekend and support an excellent cause!

----- Maryland Chapter Jamboree Registration Form -----		
Name:_____	Please check appropriate registration levels for yourself and anyone you're bringing. We will reimburse you if the level is full and we cannot accommodate you. Children ages five and under are free. ____ x \$75 adult = _____ ____ x \$55 student/senior/low income= _____ ____ x \$45 worker (1 day kitchen /setup/cleanup) = _____ ____ x \$10 child 6-12 years= _____ (Non-members add \$10)= _____ Total Payment \$_____	Mail checks and registration to Sierra Club Maryland Chapter Attn: 2013 Jamboree 7338 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 111 College Park, MD 20740 Please include the word "Jamboree" on the memo line of your check. For information call the Club office at 301-277-7111. Information and registration also available at http://maryland.sierraclub.org .
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____ I am willing to give someone a ride.		
____ I need a ride.		
Will your party be at dinner on Friday?_____		
Names in your party, including ages of any children: _____		

Are you vegetarian, vegan, or allergic to any food? _____		
Anything else we should know?_____		
What are you most interested in?_____		

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If you've been wanting to act on your concern for the environment, this Jamboree is for you. Maryland Sierrans focused on local issues in one part of the state, or on a single issue statewide, are always ready to welcome new people, new energy and new ideas. In other words, you—and yours.

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- Sing at the campfire, dance to the band
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