Growing Up WILD
Workshop Agenda
Saturday, October 30, 2010

8:45  Teachers Arrive and Check In
9:00  Welcome ~ Horn Point Environmental Education and Conference Center
      Donna Stotts, Horn Point Laboratory

Growing Up WILD Training Introduction
Kim Dixon, Maryland Zoo in Baltimore

The Guide…
• Connecting Children to Nature
• Developmentally Appropriate Practice
• Nature Play
• Math Connections
• Language and Literacy Connections
• Healthy Kids
• Sparking Creativity
• Scientific Inquiry
• Assessing Children’s Learning

9:30  Home Connections
Instructors will learn about activities that children and parents can do
together at home or in their community
   (1) Letter to Parents (bilingual)
   (2) Overview of Activities

9:45  Spider Web Wonders

10:30 Break

10:45 Getting Outside!
Birds
Oh Deer!

12:00 Lunch

1:00  Growing Up Wild
   • Follow-Up Discussion

1:30  Environmental Education and Underserved Populations
Utilizing classroom and cultural resources to stimulate environmental
education in the early childhood classroom

4:30  Wrap-Up and Evaluation

All activities are correlated to National Head Start and National Association for the Education of Young Children Standards

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For more information call or email (410)221-8483; dstotts@umces.edu
Directions: http://www.umces.edu/hpl
"A child's world is fresh and new and beautiful, full of wonder and excitement. It is our misfortune that for most of us that clear-eyed vision that true instinct for what is beautiful and awe-inspiring, is dimmed and even lost before we reach adulthood. If I had influence with the good fairy who is supposed to preside over the christening of all children, I should ask that her gift to each child in the world be a sense of wonder so indestructible that it would last throughout life, as an unfailing antidote against the boredom and disenchantment of later year...the alienation from the sources of our strength."
~ Rachel Carson, “A Sense of Wonder”

Winner of the 2009 Family Choice Award, *Growing Up WILD: Exploring Nature with Young Children*, is written especially for early childhood educators of children ages 3 – 7 that provide an early foundation for developing positive impressions about the natural world. Those who teach pre-K – 2nd grade, and who work with students in communities from low to moderate income, including preschool, daycare, Head Start programs, public and private school, and EE Centers are encouraged to attend this workshop.

The primary objective of this workshop is to begin the process of improving environmental literacy by:

- creating a foundation that connects young children with nature
- educating early childhood providers with the strategies and resources needed to provide experiences for their students.

The cost of the *Growing Up WILD Workshop* is $20, and includes program instruction and the “Growing Up Wild: Exploring Nature With Young Children!” book. Pre-Registration is required. Checks should be made out to the University of MD.

*Please dress to be outside part of the day, including comfortable walking shoes. Also bring a bag lunch and a drink.*

Name: ___________________________ School or Daycare Center: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________

Email Address: ___________________________ Web Site: ___________________________ (If applicable)

Daytime Phone: ___________________________ Cell Phone: ___________________________ (Optional)

Send your registration and check, made payable to the University of MD to:

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