

Some Outings Resources for BICO in and near Baltimore

Audubon Society environmental education at Patterson Park and Pickering Creek

Biking on the NCR hike and bike trail between Baltimore & York (bikes from Chakra Cycles, Monkton Bike Rental and, maybe, Woodberry Crossing)

Camping along the Appalachian Trail, MD State Parks, Assateague Island, Cape Henlopen, DE; winter camping in cabins of the Appalachian Mountain Club; Woodberry Crossing in Parkton (biking, swimming, farm animals, streams); Bee Tree Preserve in Parkton (hiking & camping); Thorpewood in the Catoctins for camping, hiking,

Canoeing with CBF, at Middle Branch (Patapasco) Park, Marshy Point & Pickering Creek Nature Ctrs; Trap Pond S.P. (Delaware) Canoes may also be available from Spring River Corp, Annapolis.

Caving: Eden Mill Nature Ctr. & Commercial Caves in the Shenandoah Mts.

Challenge courses at The Park School (Appalachian Challenge) and Outward Bound in Leakin Park

Chesapeake Bay Foundation activities (environmental ed., seining, canoeing, etc.).

Community Service: see Service

Fairs: Howard County Fair (June); MD State (Aug); Sheep & Wool (May)

Farm harvest etc. activities: Elioak Farm (Howard Co); Cromwell Valley Park; Howard Co. Fair; MD State Fair

Fishing for kids with MD Dept. of Nat. Resources

Hiking in Maryland State and other Parks: Patapsco Valley, Gunpowder, Catocin Mountain parks; Oregon Ridge, Cromwell Valley Park; Soldiers Delight; Baltimore City Parks (e.g. new Gwynns Falls trail in Leakin Park, Robert E. Lee in North Baltimore), Potomac's C&O Canal & Great Falls (see *Hiking, Cycling and Canoeing in Maryland* and *Baltimore Trails: A Guide for Hikers and Mountain Bikers* both by Bryan MacKay). Also, Delaware (Trap Pond State Park; Cape Henlopen) & Virginia State Parks

Ice skating in Patterson Park

Indoor Nature Activities: National Aquarium, CCBC Planetarium, Smithsonian Museum of natural History, National Geographic in D.C., Franklin Institute in Philadelphia: Patuxent and other Nature Centers.

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Kayaking: Black Hills Regional Park, Boyds MD.

Maple Syrup activities (Oregon Ridge and Irvine Nat. Ctr.)

Museums: see indoor activities

Nature Centers: **Patuxent** Wildlife Research Ctr, Laurel: trails, indoor displays, wildlife films; **Eden Mill** Nature Ctr. (Harford Co) for canoeing, caving, environmental ed.; **Irvine** Nature Center; Baltimore Co. **Marshy Point**; & Balto. City **Carrie Murray** Center (Leakin Park) for mini-courses in biology & ecology; **Bragg** Nature Ctr. of Baltimore City Schools

(Catonsville)

Audubon facilities at Patterson Park [410 299 2346] and Pickering Creek Nature Center (near Easton); **Our Chesapeake Legacy** - hands-on ecology, history & economy exhibit, Chesapeake Exploration Ctr., Kent Island

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Orienteering courses: Patapsco/ McKeldin Section & Leakin Park; Mickey Allison's east Baltimore city orienteering course.

Oyster aquaculture at UM Horn Point Environ Lab (eastern shore)

Physics Olympics with UMBC Meyerhoff Scholars, June at Sandy Point State Park

Planetarium: CCB, Catonsville & UMBC

Recycling: trash recycling /energy generation at RESCO

Service outings: **Baltimore City Recreation & Parks Dept.**(*each team is obligated to do one service outing per year with Rec & Parks*); tree planting with **Parks & People Foundation**; **Community Associations** (e.g. Herring Run Watershed Association, Greater Homewood C.A.); **Woodberry Crossing**

Sheep & Wool Festival (first weekend in May at the Howard County Fairgrounds)

Swimming at UMBC & city pools, Oregon Ridge, Woodberry Crossing

Trees & Plants: National Arboretum

Tubing on the Gunpowder

Water & Waster Water: Baltimore Dept. of Public Works (reservoirs, water & sewage treatment plants)

Zoos: Baltimore Zoo & National Zoo

NB: 1. BICO has a youth pass for MD State Parks

2. Some venues (e.g. Balto. Zoo, National Aquarium, Franklin Inst, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, bike rentals , commercial caves, tubing outfitters), have admission or rental fees which may be discounted or waived. Be sure to inquire well in advance about discounts or special grant support for groups such as BICO

