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The year-long cycle of Bridging the Watershed Prince George's County Teacher Workshops is in full swing. This week, we worked with nearly 50 teachers at Greenbelt Park to cover our water catchment module, and on October 30, we will bring watershed teachers from the three Prince George's County watershed training programs to conduct a 2-day workshop at College Park. The remaining workshop throughout the year are as follows:

- December 3-4: "Bridging the Watershed: An Introduction to the Patuxent River, Rock Creek, and the Anacostia River Basins" - Torrey Tract Park and Fort Washington Park to cover watershed studies.

For more information or to register for these workshops please contact Donna Bialek at 301-780-2872 or dbialek@county.gov.

Prince William County Teacher Workshop

Just before the beginning of the school season, all biology and Earth Science teachers at all Prince William County Public Schools were given the opportunity to attend a workshop. In a day of activities, students and teachers were introduced to two modules, one focus on wetlands and one on urban waterways. The workshop had us realize how much we can learn from our students and take this information back into our classrooms.

Special Event

Fun For Students

There are lots of upcoming events and opportunties throughout the year. Check out the following lists and stay tuned for further updates.

Gold Exhibit at the Museum of Natural History

The Smithsonian Museum of Natural History has a great exhibit on soil. Its importance to our lives, and many of the same issues we deal with on a daily basis. The exhibit is open through March 4, 2010 and has the students in our classes marveling at the beauty of soil and its ability to support life. We encourage you to visit the exhibit and see the amazing world of soil in its full glory.

National Council For Science and the Environment Youth Video Challenge

NCSE is accepting the videos, and visions from the next generation of conservationists, as part of the Bedrock in a Rapid Changing World challenge. Any student in grades K-12 can submit one video individually or with a group. The competition is open to students of all ages and encourages students to develop and submit a video that explores topics related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The deadline for submissions is May 21, 2009. For more information go to www.nationalcouncil.org.

Classrooms to Parklands

Service to Parklands

An opportunity to bring the classroom into the field of natural resource management. Students can participate in a variety of projects that benefit the environment and improve the quality of life for all Americans. As a result, you can take advantage of the benefits of parks and public lands in your area. Join us on October 20, 2009, at College Park to discover how you can make a difference in our area. Volunteer STP is developing the Student Action Program that encourages young people to volunteer and mentor the national parks. Visit www.volunteerstp.org for more information. Registration is free, but you must register before the event. Contact your state coordinator to find the closest event near you. For more information, visit www.volunteerstp.org.

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