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Thank you for your interest in a visit to Eden Mill Nature Center! We are dedicated to developing a greater awareness and appreciation to the natural and historical resources of the area. Nestled in a pristine and untouched part of the Piedmont Plateau, Eden Mill has a variety of resources to encourage environmental education for all ages. Since 1991, we have been inspiring people to care about the environment by providing experiences that lead them to understand their connection to the natural world.

[Your Visit](#)

Utilizing the vast array of resources at Eden Mill, we offer a variety of stations for your field trip. The amount of stations offered is dependent on your group size and will be determined by our staff. Most field trips have 3-4 stations.



[Station Options](#)

Wetlands Exploration- Participants will discover the many benefits a wetland has to the ecosystem and investigate the critters of this habitat through hands-on exploration.

Nature Center- Explore our nature center which focuses on the plants and animals of the Piedmont area. Meet and learn about our live critters such as snakes and turtles.

Interpretive Hike- Take a guided hike along a section of our 5-miles of hiking trails. We never know what we may discover along our trails!

Field Activity- Utilizing curriculum from Project WILD, Learning Tree, and WET, students will actively learn about an aspect of nature through one to two games.

Historic Gristmill- Take a tour of our historic gristmill and see how farmers 200 years ago had their corn and wheat ground into flour and cornmeal.

Activity Price/Length

Programs are approximately 2 hours in length and are from 9:30-11:30, 10:00-12:00, or 10:30-12:30 based on your preference. When scheduling your arrival time, please understand that if your group is late, we have to cut station times and cannot just push the ending time of our program back. Also, if you arrive early, we will still begin your program at your scheduled start time. The program fee is \$7 per student with a minimum charge as stated in the chart below based upon the number of children.

| Number of Children | Deposit Amount/Minimum |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| 0-12 | \$85 total |
| 13-24 | \$120 |
| 25-36 | \$175 |
| 37-48 | \$266 |
| 49+ | \$300 |

A deposit is required to reserve the program date and must be received **within one week of reserving the date.** If you are reserving more than one date, we require a deposit for each date (which may be submitted as one check). The deposit is non-refundable unless we must cancel due to inclement weather. The remaining balance is due at the time of the program.

(Ex: 30 children X \$7= \$210- \$175 deposit= \$35 due upon arrival.)

Please make checks payable to Eden Mill Nature Center. We are not equipped to accept credit cards.

Chaperones

We recommend 1 adult per every 5 students. Chaperones are NOT charged when this ratio is not exceeded; however, **excessive chaperones, above our 1:5 ratio, will result in a charge of \$7/additional adult.** We limit chaperones to prevent groups from becoming too large and unmanageable, but ultimately how many chaperones attend is up to each school or organization to decide. Siblings are not permitted.

Release Forms

All group members, including adults, must have an Eden Mill release form completely filled out prior to the program. The adult release form is page 4. ***The minor release form must be obtained from your school administrator.*** Please do not turn in release forms for children who are not present as we count the release forms to verify participation numbers.

Arrival to Eden Mill

When a program is scheduled in the lower park, the use of our covered pavilion is also reserved for the group. Our pavilion is a great area to have lunch after the program! Feel free to run any activities after lunch too! When arriving at Eden Mill, we ask that you **park in the lower lot by the pavilion**, not at the nature center. There is a sign on the road labeled "Visitor Parking," please follow that sign. Also, after unloading passengers, buses should park in the area of the parking lot closest to the wetland.

Teachers

Gift shop orders: Please turn in the gift shop order forms ***at the start of your field trip*** so orders can be filled and bagged during your visit. We will give you the items at the close of your visit.

Hand sanitizer: Do not have the children wash their hands with anti-bacterial hand gel in between stations, as there are live animals that are sensitive to these chemicals.

Rest rooms: Our field trip leaders will point out the waterless toilets and spot-a-pots to you at the beginning of your field trip. Please do not plan group restroom visits between stations as this will significantly disrupt our presentation time. We suggest having one chaperone discretely accompany any child who needs an emergency restroom visit. As our rest room facilities are waterless, please consider bringing along hand wipes for use at the conclusion of the program.

Agreement form: Please sign and return your agreement form with your deposit. This is the document that we send you when you make your reservation.



PARENT'S PAGE

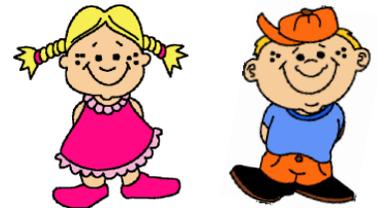
“Must we always teach our children with books? Let them look at the mountains and the stars up above. Let them look at the beauty of the waters and the trees and flowers on earth. They will then begin to think, and to think is the beginning of a real education.”
- David Polis

Details to remember on the day of the field trip:

- ☼ Eden Mill is a park so participants may get wet or muddy. We recommend sending an extra set of clothes, including shoes.
- ☼ Sturdy shoes are required. No open-toed shoes or sandals are permitted for participation.
- ☼ Participants will be outside for the majority of the visit, rain or shine. Raingear may be necessary.
- ☼ Bring a lunch if your group is staying to enjoy lunch after the program.
- ☼ Bring a water bottle, labeled with your child’s name for them to carry to each station.
- ☼ Eden Mill Nature Center merchandise is available for purchase. See the form below if interested.

If you are a chaperone for the field trip:

- ☼ The duty of our chaperones is to be the primary disciplinarian of the children and to ensure they are safe.
- ☼ Please silence your cell phones for the duration of the program.
- ☼ When our naturalists pose questions to the group, please allow the children to answer them.
- ☼ Be willing and ready to assist the naturalists as needed.
- ☼ Do not have the children wash their hands with soap, wipes, or anti-bacterial hand gel in between stations, as our live animals are sensitive to these chemicals. Please wait until the entire field trip program is over.
- ☼ Please be aware that the reactions and attitudes of chaperones towards station activities and wildlife **impacts** the children and their willingness to participate (for example: seeing a live snake).



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EDEN MILL GIFT SHOP FIELD TRIP SOUVENIR ORDER FORM

Student: _____

| ITEM | COST | | QUANTITY | | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------------|--------|---|----------|---|-------|
| Eden Mill Water Bottle (BPA free) | \$3.00 | X | | = | |
| Eden Mill Patch | \$3.00 | X | | = | |
| Eden Mill Sticker | \$1.00 | X | | = | |
| Eden Mill Pencil | \$.50 | X | | = | |
| Eden Mill Twig Pen | \$2.00 | X | | | |
| GRAND TOTAL | | | | = | |

PLEASE NOTE: To make a purchase, your child needs to bring this completed form and exact money (either cash or check payable to *Eden Mill Nature Center*).

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Eden Mill Nature Center

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

In consideration of Eden Mill Nature Committee, Inc. furnishing services and/or equipment to enable me to participate in Eden Mill Nature Committee, Inc. activities, I agree as follows:

I fully understand and acknowledge that my participation in outdoor recreational activities and use of equipment for such activities has: (a) inherent liabilities, dangers and hazards and such exists in my use of Eden Mill Nature Committee, Inc. equipment and my participation in Eden Mill Nature Committee, Inc. activities; (b) may result in injury or illness including, but not limited to bodily injury, disease, strains, fractures, partial and/or total paralysis, death or other ailments that could cause serious disability; (c) liabilities and dangers that may be caused by the negligence of the owners, employees, officers or volunteers of Eden Mill Nature Committee, Inc.; the negligence of the participants, the negligence of others, accidents, breaches of contract, the forces of nature or other causes and that liabilities and dangers may arise from foreseeable or unforeseeable causes including but not limited to guide decision making of all types and under any circumstances and terrain, weather, trail or river route location and water level, risks of drowning after falling out of a canoe and such.

As such, other liabilities, hazards and dangers that are integral to recreational activities and/or use of equipment, I hereby assume all liabilities and dangers.

The above agreement shall be binding on my heirs, successors, assigns, administrators and executors.

The venue of any dispute that may arise out of this agreement or otherwise between the parties to which the Eden Mill Nature Committee, Inc. or its agents is a party shall be Harford County, Maryland.

Unless otherwise indicated in writing at the time of registration, photographs of participants may be taken while participating in the program activities for use in publications. No personal information other than the participant's first name will be released under any circumstances.

I do hereby expressly agree to release Eden Mill Nature Committee, Inc., its employees, volunteers and agents and Harford County, Maryland, a body corporate and politic of the State of Maryland, and its elected and appointed officials, agents, officers, and employees, from all liability arising from any harm or injury, including death, sustained by me while participating in this program.

In accordance to Maryland law, I understand that information on Youth Sports Concussion and Head Injuries is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/index.html> and information on Sudden Cardiac Arrest at <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/health-topics/topics/scda/>.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AND BY SIGNING IT AGREE IT IS MY INTENTION TO ASSUME ALL LIABILITY ASSOCIATED THEREWITH.

ACTIVITY: _____ DATE(S): _____

SIGNATURE

NAME (PRINTED)

DATE

PHONE NUMBER

STREET ADDRESS: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE #: _____