



Eden Mill Nature Center
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Welcome

Thank you for your interest in a visit to Eden Mill Nature Center. Eden Mill Nature Center is a non-profit organization 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.

Activity

Utilizing the vast array of resources at Eden Mill, we offer the following activities for our group programs. All or one of the activities can be offered depending on the group size and preference.

Wetlands Exploration- Eden Mill is home to an educational wetland equipped with a boardwalk and surrounding trail. Participants will discover the many benefits a wetland has to the ecosystem and investigate the critters of this habitat through hands-on exploration.

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. At the end of the tour participants can actually use some of the machines to grind their own cornmeal! *When tour guide is available*

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.

Project WILD and Project Wet Activities- Project WILD is an interdisciplinary conservation and environmental education program emphasizing wildlife. The goal of Project WILD is to assist participants of any age in developing awareness, knowledge, skills, and commitment to result in informed decisions, responsible behavior, and constructive actions concerning wildlife and the environment. The goal of Project WET is to facilitate and promote awareness, appreciation, knowledge, and stewardship of water resources. If available, activity selection can depend upon environmental topic your group may be learning about.

Activity Price/Length

Programs are approximately 2 hours in length. The program fee is \$6 per student with a minimum of \$60 per program. This fee is based upon a two hour program. A \$60 deposit is required to reserve the program date and must be received **within one week of reserving the date.** This is a non-refundable deposit unless we must cancel due to inclement weather. **The remaining balance is due at the time of the program.** Please make checks payable to Eden Mill Nature Center.

For Secondary Public Schools in Harford County: Howard Eakes must be contacted by the school group leader and informed of the school’s intentions at Eden Mill. He can be contacted at 410-638-3903 or by email at Howard.Eakes@hcps.org. A bus should be available through Harford Glen.

Chaperones

We recommend 2 adults per 10 children with a minimum of 2 adults per group. Excessive chaperones may result in a charge of \$6/additional adult. 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 and the child release form is page 5.

Arrival to Eden Mill

When a program is scheduled at Eden Mill, the use of our covered pavilion is also reserved for the group. Our pavilion is a great area to have lunch after a program!

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. An Eden Mill Naturalist will meet you down at the pavilion at the start of the field trip with further instructions.

Teachers:

Nametags!!! Please have your students wear nametags for the duration of the field trip. Group interaction is hindered when we do not know the names of the children.

Do not have the kids wash their hands with soap, wipes, or anti-bacterial hand gel in between stations, as there are live animals that are sensitive to these chemicals.

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Please sign on the line below and **send this back with the deposit** for your trip **within one week from today.**

By signing the line below, you have agreed to;

- 1. Share this information with the other teachers attending
- 2. Distribute the Parent’s Page and Release Forms to the parents and chaperones
- 3. Understanding and acknowledging the information contained herein.

We look forward to working with you here at Eden Mill Nature Center!

GROUP: _____ DATE OF VISIT: _____

NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

Please return to: Eden Mill Nature Center 1617 Eden Mill Rd. Pylesville, Md. 21132



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 **highly** recommend sending an extra set of clothes, including shoes.
- ☀ Sturdy shoes are required. No open-toed shoes or sandals are permitted for participation in the field trip.
- ☀ Participants will be outside for the majority of the visit, rain or shine. Raingear may be necessary.
- ☀ If your child’s class in planning on eating lunch at Eden Mill, review packing a trash-free lunch with your child at www.edenmill.org. Click on Field Trips Parent Page for more information!
- ☀ A water bottle, labeled with your child’s name, is also recommended.
- ☀ Eden Mill Nature Center merchandise will be on sale during the lunch break. Cash and checks, made payable to Eden Mill Nature Center, are accepted. Check out our items that will be for sale at www.edenmill.org. Click on Field Trips Parent Page for more information!



Your child will be expected to:

- ☀ Walk, not run while on park property.
- ☀ Stay with group leaders, teachers, and chaperones at all times.
- ☀ Respect fellow participants, leaders, teachers, chaperones, and nature.
- ☀ Have FUN!



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EDEN MILL GIFT SHOP FIELD TRIP SOUVENIR ORDER FORM

School: _____ Date: _____

Teacher: _____

Student: _____

ITEM	COST		QUANTITY		TOTAL
Eden Mill Water Bottle	\$3.00	X		=	
Eden Mill Hat	\$15.00	X		=	
Eden Mill Patch	\$3.00	X		=	
Eden Mill Sticker	\$1.00	X		=	
Eden Mill Pencil	\$.50	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*).

ADULT/CHAPERONE:

Acknowledgement of Risk 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 risks, 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) risks 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 risks 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 risks, hazards and dangers that are integral to recreational activities and/or use of equipment, I hereby assume all risks 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.

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

PROGRAM: _____ DATE: _____

NAME (PRINT): _____ SIGNATURE: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____ PHONE#: _____

Chaperone Duties

*The duty of our chaperones is to be the primary disciplinarian of the children. *Chaperones must remain with the group during the entire program and are responsible for the entire group, not just their child.

*Please do not talk on your cell phones or have conversations with other adults during the program. This is a major distraction to our naturalists as well as the kids.

*We expect the chaperones to be involved with the presentation but, we ask that the chaperones allow the children to answer the questions that that our naturalists pose.

*Chaperones may be asked to assist the naturalists with various tasks. Please be willing and ready.

Please be aware that the reactions and attitudes of chaperones/parents towards station activities and wildlife **DO impact the kids and their willingness to participate. We encourage all kids to participate and if the chaperones make comments about getting dirty or touching a snake for example, then the **kids WILL react** to that and no longer want to take part in the activity. ***

*** Please do not have the kids wash their hands with soap, wipes, or anti-bacterial hand gel in between stations, as there are live animals that are sensitive to these chemicals.**

MINOR:

Acknowledgement of Risk

PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION FORM

(This form to be used for minors only)

I hereby grant permission for my child/children listed below to participate in Eden Mill Nature Committee, Inc. activity on (date) _____.

I fully understand and acknowledge that: (a) risks and dangers exist in my child's use of Eden Mill Nature Committee, Inc. equipment and my child's participation in Eden Mill Nature Committee, Inc. activities which may result in injury, illness, death or damage to personal property caused by other participants, by accidents, or by the forces of nature or other causes, (b) risks and dangers may arise from foreseeable or unforeseeable causes including, but not limited to, selection of trail or river route, water level, weather conditions, risks of falling out of a canoe and such other risks, hazards and dangers that are integral to recreational activities that take place in a wilderness, outdoor or recreational environment and I hereby accept and assume these risks and dangers for myself and on behalf of my child participating in such activities.

I have been advised that my child must wear an approved personal flotation device at all times while on the water. I affirm that my child will not be under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance, and will not carry, use or consume these substances before or during her/his scheduled Eden Mill Nature Committee, Inc. activities. Any claims or dispute arising from my child's participation in Eden Mill Nature Committee, Inc. activities or use of their equipment shall have venue exclusive in Harford County, Maryland.

The above agreement shall be binding on my heirs, assigns, and Personal Representatives and my child's heirs, assigns, and Personal Representatives.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AND BY SIGNING IT AGREE IT IS MY INTENTION TO GRANT PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN EDEN MILL NATURE COMMITTEE, INC. ACTIVITIES INCLUDING CANOEING AND TO ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH ON MY BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF MY CHILD.

Group Name (if applicable): _____

Parents Name (Print): _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

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