

# Take Your Class Outside!

## with the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Initiative

The Chesapeake Bay Watershed Initiative is a federally funded environmental educational project. Geographic Alliances in six states and the District of Columbia have partnered with NOAA and the National Geographic Society in this effort. Teachers of science and social studies in the middle grades and their students can benefit in several ways.

### Our program

- Provides high quality professional development experiences related to watershed education.
- Disseminates good curricular materials and resources
- Introduces teachers and students to FieldScope- an online tool for gathering, organizing, and analyzing data gathered by young scientists
- Provides high-quality outdoor education experiences directly related to the school curriculum



*Top photo: students and parents alike.*

*Bottom photo: Teacher workshops are informal and engaging.*

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## How to Register:

*Watershed Education is an excellent way to introduce your students to rich, interdisciplinary studies of one of the most important resources located in students' backyards—Water!*

### Calendar:

- September 24- Workshop for Informal Educators at Trap Pond State Park
- October 1-Workshop at Killen's Pond
- October 3- Workshop at Trap Pond State Park-returning teachers
- October 9-Workshop for CDOW teachers-place TBA
- October 16, 2013-April 2014. Online Course *FLOW Education* sponsored by National Geographic Education Foundation. (for details, go to [www.degeog.org](http://www.degeog.org))
- November 4-15- Ecosystems field trips
- March-April 2014- Watersheds Field trips
- May 2014 wrap up workshops

### For workshops:

Your school or school district will invite you to participate. Public school teachers from participating schools may register for workshops through the Delaware Department of Education. Catholic Schools teachers may register through the Schools Office at 302-573-3133. Participants will receive clock hour certificates.

### For field trips:

Teachers who complete the all-day free workshop will receive information on how to make trip arrangements. The grant provides support for transportation and program fees.

### For the free online course

To learn more about FLOW Education, the free online course offered by National Geographic education Foundation, go to the Delaware Geographic Alliance website at [www.degeog.org](http://www.degeog.org). Find course syllabus and requirements. Teachers who successfully complete the course will receive a \$300 stipend. To register, contact Delaware Geographic Alliance Coordinator David Legates at [legates@udel.edu](mailto:legates@udel.edu).

## **Our program is based on the following science and geography standards:**

### **Ecosystems:**

DE Science Standard 1-Nature and Application of Science and Technology  
DE Science Standard 6: Life Processes  
DE Science Standard 7: Diversity and Continuity of Living Things  
DE Social Studies/Geography Standard 2: Humans Interact with the Environment

### **Watersheds:**

DE Science Standard 5: Earth's Dynamic Systems  
DE Science Standard 6: Life Processes  
DE Science Standard 8: Ecology  
DE Social Studies/Geography Standard 2: Humans Interact with the Environment



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