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From the Director

As the Nature Center approaches its annual meeting, I would like to thank the many individuals, groups and businesses which have supported the Fair Hill Nature Center in so many ways in this past year.

The Nature Center was able to offer programs to so many students this school year because of the generous financial support received from several local corporations and foundations. These include Thiokol, Wal-Mart, the Waterfowl Festival, Inc., and Zeneca, Inc. The Chesapeake Bay Trust provided grant monies to Cecil County schools to help reduce field trip costs. The Cecil County Public School system also supported our programs by providing transportation money.

Other charitable organizations donated money for special projects, including the Cecilton Lions Club, Lions Club of Rising Sun, Country Thyme Gardeners, North East Lions Club, North East Middle School Builders Club, and North East Rotary Club. Fair Hill Nature Center members donated money, time and materials. Thank you all so much for contributing to our success!

This spring our Earth Day event was the "March For Parks" walk. Over 260 people came to walk, bicycle, or ride horseback to raise money for the Nature Center and Park trails. More than \$4700 in pledges was raised during the three hour event. Many local businesses contributed to the outstanding success of this first ever event. Corporate sponsors included Cecil County Chamber of Commerce, Maryland Materials, County Banking and Trust Co., W.L. Gore and Associates, Kentucky Fried Chicken, and Peoples Bank of Elkton. Fifteen other businesses contributed as "Root Sponsors" (see *Habitats Community*).

Though there are too many to list, I would like to thank the team captains and volunteers who

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*Please Join us at
Fair Hill Nature Center on
Sunday, June 22*

*at
1 p.m.*

*for the Nature Center's
Annual Meeting and picnic.*



*A special tribute to our
dedicated volunteers will be given.*

*Bring a picnic lunch
(hot dogs and beverages
will be served)*



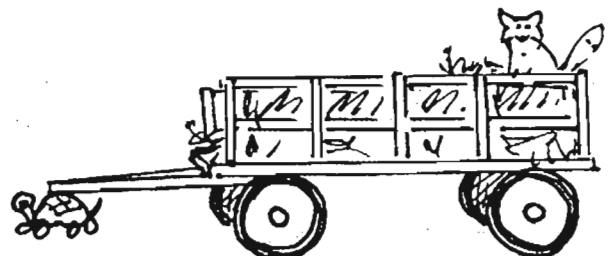
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The Nature Center staff and Board of Directors wish to thank the following for supporting our first March For Parks event at Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area:

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A special thanks also to those who served as Team Captains for March for Parks, recruiting marchers and collecting pledges:

Becky Anderson

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- renew my membership \$20 Individual \$25 Family \$50 Nonprofit Group

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Please make check payable to: Fair Hill Environmental Foundation, Inc.
Mail to: 630 Tawes Drive, Elkton, MD 21921

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Your membership is tax deductible.

Tails Out of School

Nature School Update



School's out, and the Education staff is gearing up for another busy summer schedule of day camps. But before we move on to Summer Critters and Junior Rangers, we thought we would share with Habitats readers excerpts from the many letters we receive from students and teachers who visit each school year. The following appeared in the *Cecil Whig's* Student Page on Wednesday, June 11, 1997.

Thank you for letting us come to Fair Hill. Thank you for showing us the animals. Thank you for taking us on a hike through the woods. Thank you for showing us the salamander's habitat. "I liked the animal noises," said Kayla. We liked pretending we were animals at Fair Hill. We saw vines. We liked talking and looking at the crickets. We liked looking for beetles in the leaves.

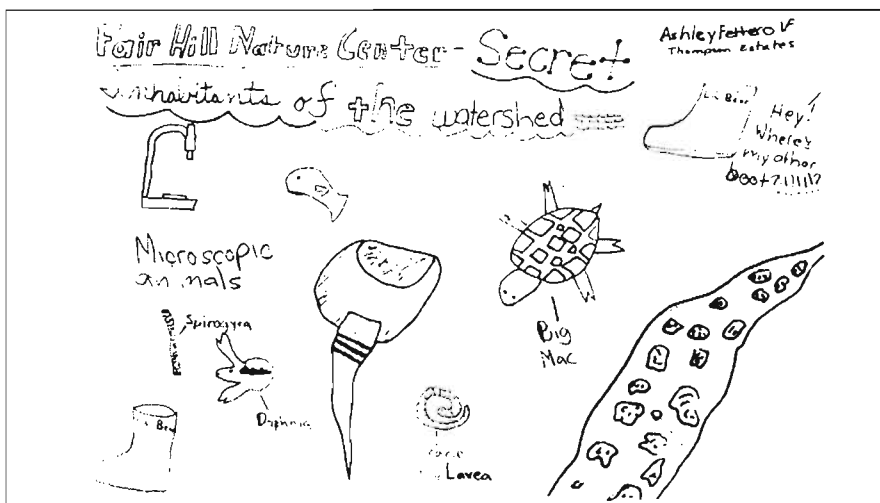
--Mrs. Sullivan's First Grade class

I am writing to thank you for the wonderful visit my second graders had this year. I think each year my classes enjoy their visit more. You add exciting learning experiences each year we visit. Keep up the good work. I'll see you next year!

-- Mrs. Kerry Patrick, Conowingo Elementary

Thank you for showing me new and exciting things! I really enjoyed Fair Hill. I had a fun time. I learned more new kinds of leaves, trees, and that trees need sun, soil and water. I really enjoyed playing games and looking for different trees and leaves. The game I liked best was where we had to go to find our leaves we had studied. Thank you for showing me all around Fair Hill Nature Center. Can't wait until the next time we come to Fair Hill again.

--Sincerely, Kimberlee Knoll, Gr. 5, Perryville Elementary



Ashley Fetterolf • Thompson Estates

I'm writing to tell you about what I did on my visit. First we put on rubber boots and walked into the stream to look for animals that show that the water is clean. We talked about the watershed. Next we walked to the pond and saw some geese, water snakes, turtles, and a bullfrog. Then we took a plankton sample from the pond. Later we went to the lab to look at the sample under the microscope. We saw spirogyra, desmid, diatoms and volvox.

--Sincerely, Sierra Bouchelle, 4th grade, Rising Sun Elementary

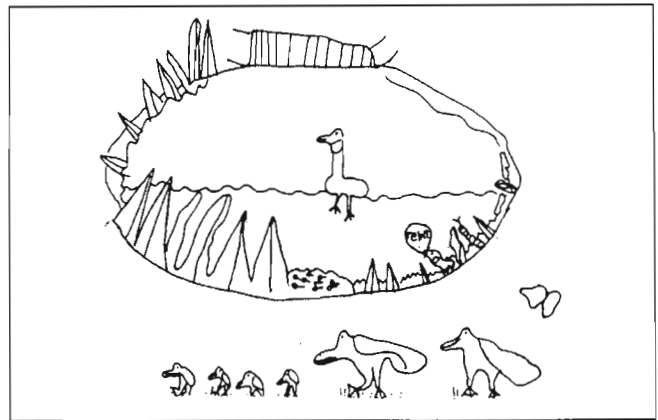
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worked so hard to make the march a success. Mr. Ed Walls, manager of FHNRMA, Ranger Mel Adam, and Mr. Bill Bowen and the Delaware Trail Spinners deserve a special thank you for recruiting marchers, marking the trails and taking care of a host of other logistical aspects.

The Nature Center is a small non-profit organization. We depend on support from the community in order to fulfill our mission of providing environmental education to local students and promoting stewardship of the natural resources found in this region.

It is a pleasure to be able to extend a heartfelt thank you to so many individuals, groups, and businesses who share our vision and are able to contribute to our efforts!

—Karen Aspinwall, Nature Center Director



"The Marsh" by Gregory Kramer • Sanford School

Summer Campers!!

There are a few spots left in the Fair Hill Nature Center summer camps:

Nature Art Camp	July 14-18, 9-11:30 a.m.
	July 21-25, 9-11:30 a.m.
Into the Woods	July 7-11, 12:30-3:00 p.m.
Junior Rangers	June 23-27, 12:30-3:00 p.m.

Call 410-398-4909 for more information and to register.



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