

Teacher's Conservation Corner

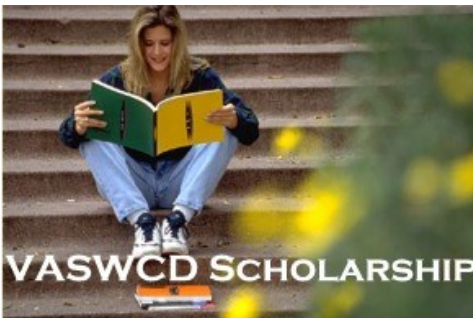
John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District

VASWCD Scholarship

The Virginia Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts is once again offering four \$1,000 scholarships to students through their educational foundation.

This scholarship program provides financial support to students majoring or desiring to major in a natural resource conservation and/or environmental studies curriculum.

Eligible applicants must be full-



Four \$1000 scholarships will be awarded to students statewide.

time students who are enrolled in or who have applied to a college freshman curriculum. Applicants need to be in the top 20% of his or her graduating class or have a GPA of at least 3.0 or equivalent.

Fauquier County residents should turn in their applications to the John Marshall SWCD no later than 5:00 pm on March 1, 2016. Last year the District received their most applications ever from a strong applicant pool and we are hoping for the same again this year.

For more information or to request an application, please contact the John Marshall Soil & Water Conservation District. An application is also available online at <http://vaswcd.org/student-scholarships>.

Start Planning for Spring

If you are interested in having the District conduct a program at your school this spring, please start planning now. The education calendar can fill up quickly, especially from mid-March to early-May.

In order to ensure programs can be scheduled, please contact the District soon, otherwise, the date or time you want may not be available.

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The Incredible Journey

The Incredible Journey is a Project Wet activity that follows molecules of water as they travel through the water cycle. It is well-suited for third grade students (SOL 3.9), but can be used for any grade studying the water cycle.

In the Incredible Journey activity, students visit stations (components of the water cycle: clouds, rivers, etc.) set up around the classroom and roll large dice that send them on to another part of the water cycle. They track their movements by picking up a different colored bead at each station and making a bracelet. At the end, they can look at their bracelet to see where they traveled in the water cycle.

Bracelets made by students allow them to follow their path through the water cycle.



Contact the District for details. We can help run the activity or provide you with the necessary supplies.

Smithsonian/Mason Program

The Smithsonian-Mason School of Conservation offers summer courses for rising high school juniors, seniors, and college freshmen. Students who complete the course will be able to earn up to 2 college credits through George Mason University.

Students should have a demonstrated interest in conservation and the environment, and the ability to be exceptional representatives for their states and high schools.

Students will have the opportunity to interact with preeminent conservationists and explore the complexity of environmental problems in their social, political, and economic contexts.



Highly qualified world experts, including Smithsonian scientists, Mason faculty, and colleagues from other U.S. and international conservation organizations provide students with direct connections to the most current research techniques and field work.

Course fees are \$1,925 for each program and include instruction, room and board, tuition costs, and all activity fees.

Classes usually run from late June to early July. Applications will be reviewed in the order in which they are received. Course topics will be announced soon. More information can be found on the Smithsonian-Mason School of Conservation website: <http://smconservation.gmu.edu/programs/high-school-courses/>



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