



# Nature of Maryland



## Educare Learning Center Summer 2017

The **Nature of Maryland** will be explored this summer at Educare Learning Center. Insects, water life, plant life, forest animals, and reptiles of Maryland will be the focus of our summer-long study of the Nature of Maryland. In addition, children will enjoy water play days, Discovery Walks, Cooking Fun, Music Classes, and special events. Preschool through school-age will participate in off-site field trips and all ages will enjoy on-site special events.



### Summer Curriculum:

#### Creepy Crawlers

Recognizing and Respecting Insects of Maryland

#### Deep into the Woods

Exploring Animals of Maryland's Forests

#### Nurture Nature

Appreciating the Lush Plant Life of Maryland

#### Ancient Animals

Researching the Many Reptiles that Help Keep Nature in Balance

#### Water Wonders

Understanding the importance of water life to Maryland

The summer program will provide multifaceted experiences enjoying all that nature has to offer. Children will participate in exciting outdoor experiences on our 16 wooded acres, 6 acres of nature-enriched playgrounds, and our extensive Discovery paths that lead to Catoctin and Broad Run Creeks.

### Additional Summer Activities:

#### Curriculum Enhancements

- Gardening Experiences
- Water & Creek Days
- Weekly Discovery Walks
- Weekly Music Class

#### Special On-Site Events

- Mobile Mine Visit (mining for gems)
- Critters & Conservation Presentation
- Visit from the Frederick Keys Mascot, "Keyote" (Coyotes are native to Maryland!)
- Additional Experiences TBA

#### Off-Site Field Trips

- Brunswick Senior Center Visits (He)
- 2 Visits to Local Nature Centers (R, Ca, He)
- FCPS Planetarium Show (Ca, He)
- Morning at the Movies (Ca, He)
- Swimming Pool Days (He)
- Frederick Keys Baseball Game (He)
- Local Parks (R, Ca, He)
- Additional Field Trips TBA

Key: He—Herons, R--Robins, Ca—Cardinals

Note: Educare T-shirts will be provided for Robins, Cardinals, and Herons. All transportation will be provided by a licensed school bus service.

Note: A detailed Summer Event calendar will be distributed to families in May 2017.

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