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Natural Resource Careers Conference

The Maryland Association of Forest Conservancy District Boards is holding a career conference for Maryland high school students interested in a career in Natural Resources. The conference is a weeklong summer program held July 24 – 30, 2011 in Garrett County, Maryland.

The Natural Resource Careers Conference is a co-educational program designed to acquaint Maryland high school students with careers in Forestry and Natural Resource management. Students learn about careers through hands-on activities and first-hand contact with professionals from a variety of careers.

Students work in small groups of 6 or 8 with a group leader. Natural Resource professionals, such as wildlife biologists, park managers, arborists, foresters and water resources biologists serve as guest instructors throughout the week. The program culminates with the groups writing a management plan on a small area of forest they have been working in during the week.

College Night is also part of the program. Representatives from Allegany College of Maryland, the University of Maryland, Frostburg University, Garrett College, Virginia Tech and West Virginia University talk about their programs. Professors and department heads bring information and material to share with students who are eager to talk to the different schools.

The program is co-sponsored by Allegany College of Maryland and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources-Forest Service and has been held annually for over 20 years. This program is especially helpful for students who think they would like to work in a Natural Resources field but who are not really sure.

Local students who will be entering grades 9-12 next year and are interested in Natural Resources are eligible to apply. Applications are available online at www.marylandforestryboards.org/nrcc.cfm. Students will be chosen through an interview process with the local Forest Conservancy District Board. The program will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis.