Notes from Evergreen



Exploring EHC Gardens

Quarterly Update

EHC conducts multiple school programs

EHC supports community events

EHC hosting barn weddings

EHC begins annual Help Grow campaign

2021-22 School Programs

The EHC Foundation is pleased to report that we are providing multiple programs this school year in support of our region's children:

- <u>Head Start</u>: field trips to the EHC, classroom adventures, and kits for the classroom or at home for all the Head Start children in Allegany and Washington counties;
- <u>Science Field Trips</u>: schoolyard, classroom, and online activities that explore curriculum-based issues and topics for 6th grade science, 8th grade science, and high school earth/space science and chemistry;
- <u>After School Programs</u>: field trips to the EHC and classroom adventures for both elementary and middle school children;
- Arts in the Schools: interdisciplinary hands-on programs for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders;
- <u>Elementary Edibles</u>: in-school gardening programs for kindergarten through 5th grade where students grow, taste, and vote-on their vegetables.



Head Start children meeting worms (left) and After School students analyzing pond "critters" (right)

For more information about the Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation and its programs and events, visit www.evergreenheritagecenter.org or call 301-687-0664.

The EHC and Community Events

This fall the Evergreen Heritage Center has hosted:

- The Allegany Arts Council's annual member picnic
- Art and Music Teacher Professional Development
- The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce September After Hours
- Leadership Allegany's Environment Day
- The EHC's Fall Harvest Open House
- Artist Maggie Pratt's Studio Tour





Chamber After Hours Event (left) and Leadership Allegany Environment Day Sawmill Tour (right)





EHC Fall Harvest Open House (left) and Art and Music Teacher Professional Development (right)

For more information about the Evergreen Heritage Center hosting your event, visit www.evergreenheritagecenter.org or call 301-687-0664.

Help Grow Our Kids

Make a Difference in the Life of a Child Even During a Pandemic

Despite the ongoing impact of COVID-19, the Evergreen Heritage Center (EHC) Foundation is continuing to provide hands-on student enrichment programs at the EHC, in schools, and in home classrooms. HELP US GROW OUR KIDS. Give a child the precious gift of discovery by being a Friend of Evergreen and making a contribution to the EHC Foundation, a 501(c)(3) public charity dedicated to changing lives through hands-on learning experiences.

The EHC Foundation, located in Allegany County where 75% of elementary school children qualify for USDA's Free and Reduced Meal program, provides award-winning education programs designed to help overcome poverty. The Foundation currently serves over 10,000 children & families annually.

Based at the historic 130-acre EHC in Mount Savage, the EHC Foundation offers award-winning in-person and virtual field trips, in-school, and home-based programs (all aligned with the Maryland State Curriculum). These enrichment programs create learning excitement, enable active exploration of science and the arts, and increase student science and art literacy by 25 to 50% per class.

Although grants and partner contributions help, many grants require matching community dollars. As a *Friend of Evergreen*, 100% of your **tax-deductible donation provide those matching funds** that can make a difference in the life of a child.

Whether you sponsor one child (\$25), four children (\$100), or ten children (\$250), your contribution will Help Grow Our Kids. You can also honor a loved one or animal companion with a *Friends of Evergreen* donation.



As always, Friends of Evergreen donations made by December 31st will be matched dollar for dollar by our Foundation Board, enabling your contribution to help twice as many children!

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We Host Weddings and Events!

Evergreen Heritage Center can accommodate your wedding, event, or meetings of **up to 175 people**. Nestled in the Mountains of Western Maryland, Evergreen provides a scenic setting for your special occasion. At over 2500 square feet on the main level of the Evergreen Barn, as well as other areas on the picturesque grounds available for use, Evergreen is a unique and peaceful setting for your private event. Other charming spots at Evergreen include our barnyard overlook deck for outdoor ceremonies and receptions, the main pavilion which accommodates up to **70**, **our new outdoor kitchen pavilion**, and the picturesque pond and its wooden dock. Our green facility provides the picture-perfect location to host a variety of occasions. Let us assist in planning your next function.

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