



MARYLAND GEOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE

Promoting geographic literacy from the Eastern Shore to Garrett County

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What is a Geographic Alliance?

- An organization to encourage, support, and promote geographic education
- A partnership between university faculty and K-12 teachers that connects educators with one another
- A network that facilitates professional development programs and educational innovation at the state and local level
- A part of a larger system of alliances (the National Geographic Network of Alliances for Geographic Education)




What does a Geographic Alliance do?

- Develop and maintain a community committed to geographic education throughout the state
- Collaborate on events with its host institution (Towson University)
- Support geography education through policy work
- Increase professional and public awareness about geography education



Who should join a Geographic Alliance?

- Educators
- Parents,
Guardians,
Mentors
- Students



Anyone interested in
promoting geographic
education!

The Maryland Geographic Alliance



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- Founded in 1989
- Professional development programs and teacher trainings
Over the past eight years, 7000 teachers have participated in MGA programs
- Development of geographical classroom materials
- Involvement in curricular/assessment initiatives with the Maryland State Dept. of Education

Towson University: Home to the Maryland Geographic Alliance



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- Towson has hosted the alliance for only a few months
- Since that time, we have:
 - Launched a website
 - Created a Facebook page
 - Put together a steering committee
- Center for GIS
- TUgis



Recent Projects and Programs

NATIONAL AQUARIUM.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2016
MASONVILLE COVE BIOBLITZ

10 am Registration and Check-In Begins
 Stations Open for Exploring

12 pm Lunch | Environmental Education Center
 (available until 1 pm)

2 pm Stations Close

HOW TO USE iNATURALIST

Visit iNaturalist.org on your smartphone or tablet.

Scroll to the bottom of the page to find the link to download the app.

Once downloaded, open the app and create a login.

Turn on location on your smartphone or tablet.

Begin adding your observations!

Ask any of our specialists for help.

STATION STAMPS:

On the back of this guide, you'll find a map of each station's location, including designated areas within those stations where you can earn a stamp. Bring this guide with you as you visit each of our stations. After you've spent some time learning about and experiencing a station, have one of the specialists stamp your guide.

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GreenPorta

living classrooms opening worlds

Once you've collected all six stamps and filled in the form below, you can be entered to win a prize! Head to the registration table to add your name to the drawing.

FIRST NAME LAST NAME EMAIL PHONE

MAP OF STATIONS:

MASONVILLE COVE

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

FRANKFURST AVENUE

AMPHIBIANS | REPTILES

MAIMALS

PLANTS

ADONIS

INSECTS

BIRDS

Thanks for your help finding and recording living organisms here at Masonville Cove!
 Now that you've collected all six stamps from our stations, be sure to drop by the registration table with this guide for your chance to enter and win a prize.
GOOD LUCK!

- Baltimore Kids Neighborhood Mapping Project Workshop
- BioBlitz
 - Belmont Manor and Historic Park
 - Masonville Cove

Current Endeavors

- State Giant Traveling Map Initiative
- Support for community activities/meetings
- Leadership Development
- “Impact Initiatives”

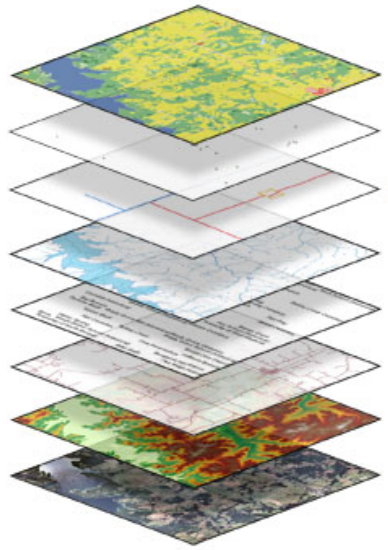


Impact Initiatives

- BioBlitz (Environmental Literacy)
- Advanced Placement Human Geography
- Middle School World Cultures
- **Geospatial Technologies**
- Geographic Student Impact Studies



Focus on Geospatial Technologies



- GIS Workshop for school teachers
- Sponsor teachers attending T3G
- Maryland Geographic Alliance as an exhibitor at GIS events

Final Thoughts

- Supporting educators should be a top priority
- A diverse community of members should be involved
- Alliance initiatives should embrace all realms of geography



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