Maryland 4-H
WHEP Weekend!
October 18th-20th, 2013
Camp Misty Mount, Catoctin Mountain Park, Thurmont, MD

What is WHEP?
WHEP stands for Wildlife Habitat Education Program. It’s a National 4-H program which teaches wildlife identification, ecological concepts, and wildlife management practices in a fun, hands-on way. The Maryland WHEP Contest will be in the spring of 2014 with a National Contest held in July, 2014.

Where is the WHEP Weekend?
The camp will be held at Camp Misty Mount, an historic camp with log cabins in the middle of Catoctin Mountain National Park. More information can be found here: http://www.nps.gov/cato/planyourvisit/mistymount.htm

What will I do at the WHEP Weekend?
Activities will include:
- An introduction to WHEP Contest content
- Ecology-based games and lessons
- A service project involving removal of invasive plant species in the park
- A presentation by a Wildlife Management professional who works in the park
- Campfire program
- Hiking/Exploring the outdoors

The Maryland State WHEP Weekend will soon be here!!!

Who can participate?
- Any 4-Her or other youth that was 11-18 as of Jan. 1st, 2013 that has an interest in the outdoors and may want to participate in the 2014 Maryland WHEP Contest.
- Any UME adult volunteer who would be willing to coach or help in another way with the 2014 Maryland WHEP Contest.

What do I need to bring?
- Warm Sleeping bag/blankets
- Pillow
- Warm clothes! We’ll spend a lot of time outside hiking and working. Layers will be important!
- Sturdy hiking boots/shoes
- Toiletries (including towel)
- Flashlight (no electricity in cabins)

What time is pick-up/drop-off?
Friday, Oct. 18th: Arrival begins at 6:30 PM
Sunday, Oct. 20th: Pick-up will be at noon

What happens after I register?
After your registration and payment have been received, you will be sent additional information and forms, including waivers and a health form that must be completed and returned before October 15th. If necessary, completed forms may be brought to the WHEP Weekend by participants.

WHEP Weekend Registration Form
Name:_____________________ Age: ___
Address: ___________________________
City: ___________ State: ___ Zip:______
Telephone:  (day)__________________
            (eve) __________________
County/City: _______________________
E-mail:  _________________________

Individual(s) that participant would like to share a cabin with: ______________________

Registration Fee: $50.00 per participant
(Fee includes all meals on Saturday and breakfast Sunday morning, plus snacks. NO DINNER will be served Friday evening. Please include payment with registration)

Participant is a(n): (check one)
    Adult _____    Youth _____
    Male ____    Female ____

*Please send in a separate registration form for each participant*

Make checks payable to:
Maryland 4-H Foundation

Please Return By Sept. 27th to:
Jim Serfass
UME- Carroll County Office
700 Agriculture Center
Westminster, MD 21157
jserfass@umd.edu

If you have a disability that requires special assistance for your participation in this program, please contact Jim Serfass 410-386-2760 by September 27th, 2013.
Come join us for a weekend of fun in the outdoors! Learn about the 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program! For more information regarding the program and the National WHEP contest visit the 4-H WHEP website: http://www.whep.org/

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Directions To Camp Misty Mount

From Baltimore:
Take I695 beltway to I70 West to Frederick, MD. Take Route 15 North to Thurmont, MD. Take Route 77 West (the exit sign says Catoctin Mountain Park.) Travel approximately 3 miles west on 77 and turn right onto Park Central Road. Pass the Visitor Center and continue 7/10 of a mile and turn left into Camp Misty Mount.

From DC area:
Take the George Washington Memorial Parkway north to I495 to I270 north 27 miles to Frederick, MD. Take Route 15 17 miles north to Thurmont, MD. Take Route 77 West, the exit sign is marked Catoctin Mountain Park. Travel approximately 3 miles west on 77 and turn right onto Park Central Road. Pass the Visitor Center and continue 7/10 of a mile and turn left into Camp Misty Mount.

From Hagerstown, Western MD:
Take I70 East to Route 66 North for 7 miles. Turn right onto Route 64 (East) for 1 mile then turn right at a traffic light onto Route 77 East for approximately 7 miles. Turn left onto Park Central Road. Pass the Visitor Center and continue for 7/10 of a mile and turn left into Camp Misty Mount.

From East (Annapolis/Bay Bridge) area:
Take 301W/50W, exit onto MD 2 North for 8 miles, keep left to stay on MD 100W for 17.5 miles. Exit onto 29 N, merge onto 170W, and continue for 34 miles. Take Route 15 17 miles north to Thurmont, MD. Take Route 77 West, the exit sign is marked Catoctin Mountain Park. Travel approximately 3 miles west on 77 and turn right onto Park Central Road. Pass the Visitor Center and continue 7/10 of a mile and turn left into Camp Misty Mount.

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