



# Importance of Environmental Education

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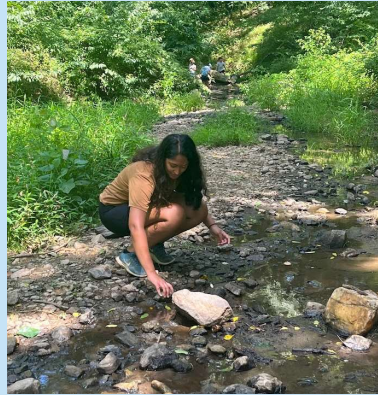


## Introduction

Over the summer of 2022, I worked as an Environmental Education Intern at the Howard County Conservancy. The Conservancy hosts environmental summer camps for kids aged 5-12.



Kids are looking for macroinvertebrates like crayfish in the stream. They learn about stream health and biota through this lesson.



I am teaching and explaining the flora and fauna of streams.

## Activity examples:

- Searching for macroinvertebrates in streams
- Bird watching hikes
- Observing microorganisms under a microscope
- Experience of food web games
- And many more



## Impact:

We provide an environmental education for kids who are still learning and exploring new interests. The goal is to spark a love for the environment, so they can continue to pursue it in the future. We want to inform the next generation of kids to protect our environment.

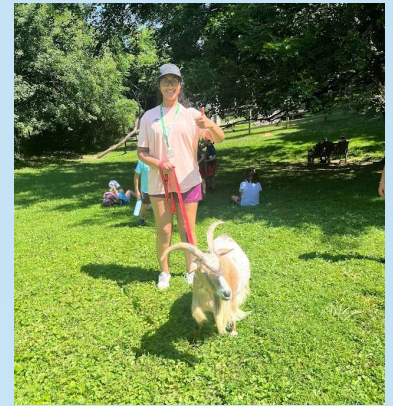
## Future Work:

I will continue to work in the environmental field in the future. I also want to make environmental advocacy a big part of it. I may not continue to work in environmental education, but I am glad to have had the experience to.

## Activities:

As an Environmental Education intern I...

- Planned, conducted and evaluated short lessons for campers and students
- Organized, created, and produced lesson materials
- Worked with education staff to design programs
- Worked any other miscellaneous tasks needed by the Conservancy staff



Here I am walking the goat, Buddy, and providing a lesson on farm animals

## Site Information:

Name of Site: Howard County Conservancy

Address: 10520 Old Frederick Rd, Woodstock, MD 21163

Your supervisor: Kylie Weinel

The site mission: Connecting people to nature

Goals: To provide an environmental education to kids, in order to spark their interest in loving and protecting nature.



Kids are playing a game to learn about spiders and spider webs

## Discussion:

Kids can get hands on experience out in nature due to camps like these. We need to continue these types of environmental camps and even make them more accessible to everyone because they bring unique knowledge not experienced anywhere else.



On the left, are baby bluebirds spotted in one of the birdboxes on the Conservancy grounds.



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