

NAI Chesapeake Community 2023 Workshop

Tuesday, March 7

- 3:00-5:00 p.m. Check-in and Registration- Main hall
5:00- 6:00 p.m. Dinner- CBFS Dining Hall
7:00-9:00 p.m. Late registration and social time Red Knot Common Room

Wednesday, March 8

- 7:30-8:20 a.m. Breakfast- CBFS Dining Hall
8:30- 9:20 a.m. Welcome and Logistics

Keynote Speaker- Anne Self, Education Director, Chincoteague Bay Field

Station

- 9:30- 10:30 a.m. Breakout Session 1
10:45- 11:45 a.m. Breakout Session 2
Noon-12:45 p.m. Lunch- CBFS Dining Hall
12:45-1:00 p.m. Load busses and travel to the NASA Wallops Island Visitor Center
1:00 p.m. Arrive at the Wallops Visitor Center to pick up badged Visitor Center Tour

Guides

- 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. Depart the Wallops Visitor Center, travel to the Badging Office (N-1), proceed to security screening
1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Travel to Wallops Island, Driving Tour of Wallops Island with photo opportunity at Road Signs
2:30 – 3:00 p.m. Return to the Wallops Visitor Center
3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Tour participants explore the Wallops Visitor Center
4:15 p.m. Return to CBFS
4:30-5:00 p.m. NAI Region 2 and You, What Does It Mean to Participate in the Region?
6:00-7:30 p.m. Dinner at Bill's Prime Rib & Seafood
8:00-10:00 p.m. Social in Red Knot Common Room

Thursday, March 9

7:30-8:20 a.m.	Breakfast- CBFS Dining Hall
8:30-10:00 a.m.	Breakout Session 3
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Breakout Session 4
Noon-1:30 p.m.	Lunch, Awards, & Regional Business Meeting
1:30-2:30 p.m.	Breakout Session 5
3:00- 4:00 p.m.	Breakout Session 6
6:00-7:00 p.m.	Dinner- CBFS Dining Hall
8:00-10:00 p.m.	Live Auction and Social- CBFS Main Hall

Friday, March 10

8:00- 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast- CBFS Dining Hall- Grab and go breakfast pick up boxed lunches and depart for field experiences.
-----------------	--

Northbound Field Experiences

Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historic Park 10:30- 11 arrival, 15 min presentation and self-guided tour of the park. March 10th is Harriet Tubman Day

Assateague Island National Seashore- Barrier Island Movement and the Effects of Climate Change on Assateague Island. Presented by Hugh Hawthorne- Park Superintendent

Southbound Field Experiences

Nature Conservancy at Brownsville Walking Tour- 10-noon presented by Margaret Van Clief

The Barrier Island Center- 10-noon. Brief talk, movie and self-guided tour

Breakout Sessions

Wednesday, March 8

Session 1: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Explore Coastal Virginia by Water Trail! - Jessica Steelman

The presentation will cover conservation through ecotourism initiatives – [The Virginia Water Trails](#) and the [Virginia Certified Ecotour Guide Course](#) – developed and managed by the Coastal Virginia Ecotourism Alliance in partnership with the Coastal Zone Management Program and NOAA.

Mobile Museums- Civil War Medicine Under a Tent – Dr. Trevor Steinbach, President, 17th Corps Field Hospital

The 17th Corps Field Hospital sets up its mobile museum at reenactments, historical villages, and permanent museums. Learn how a mobile museum interacts with the public using interpretive techniques.

Session 2: 10:45-11:45 a.m.

What's the Buzz? Pollinator Conservation in Maryland State Parks - Melissa Boyle Acuti- Chief of Interpretation, Maryland Park Service, Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Join Melissa Boyle Acuti to learn more about how the Maryland Park Service has increased pollinator habitat on public lands, as well as expanded outreach and education related to pollinators!

Expand your interpretive flow into recreation - Jordan Libera, Riverbend Park, Fairfax County Park Authority

Including interpretation in recreational programming to expand offerings, engage new audiences, create partnerships, discover & learn new skills, and inspire wellness opportunities.

Thursday, March 9

Session 3: 8:30- 10:00 a.m.

Light pollution is still an acceptable pollution, we need to change that for the health of humans and the environment. - Tammy Schwab, Fairfax County Park Authority

Since 2001 our understanding of the negative effects of artificial light at night has grown exponentially. Learn about light pollution, and ways to educate and engage visitors in the solution.

Field Microscopy for Naturalists- Rita Peralta, Natural Resource Specialist, Long Branch Nature Center, Arlington County

Microbes are all around us, but they stay unnoticed even though they're vital to healthy ecosystems. During this workshop naturalists will learn about foldscopes and how to use them to reveal the microscopic world.

Session 4: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Preston's Place – An Opportunity for Conservation and Community Collaboration - Dani DiMarco, Interpretation Coordinator, Lehigh Valley Zoo

The development of a backyard habitat at the Lehigh Valley Zoo and the opportunities created for on-site conservation, education programs, and community collaboration.

Tree Height with the NASA GLOBE Observer and the ICESat-2 Mission - Brian Campbell, NASA Senior Earth Science Specialist and Trees Science Lead for the NASA GLOBE Observer, NASA Wallops Flight Facility

Why does tree height matter and how can we compare ground-based tree height observations from the GLOBE Program's GLOBE Observer App Trees Tool and NASA's ICESat-2 mission?

The Many Faces of the Decoy: Creative Interpretation in a Wildfowl Art Museum - Brenda Miller, Education Director, Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art, Salisbury University

Join Ward Museum educators in an exploration of the many ways something as seemingly simple as a duck decoy can be interpreted.

Session 5: 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Creativity on the Coast: using props to share coastal restoration work- Jenny Miller Preserve and Education Manager, The Nature Conservancy's Virginia Coast Reserve

Developing creative props can be an easy way to bring coastal restoration projects from the barrier islands and bays to the communities on land.

Become an Earth to Sky Climate Communication Regional Leader! - Geneviève de Messières, Earth to Sky

Bring a partner and learn how you can tap into NASA climate resources and support a flourishing Chesapeake community of practice of climate interpreters.

Moths and Mothing 101 - Ken Rosenthal, Park Naturalist, Gulf Branch Nature Center, Arlington County

Learn everything you need to know to get started learning everything you need to know about moths and mothing! Discover simple ways to feature or include moths in your programming.

Session 6: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Paddles and Palettes- Adding Art to Interpretive Programs - Sammy Zambon, Visitor Experience Specialist, Virginia State Parks- Bay Experience Program

With any topic, sometimes we miss the mark for some guests. By adding art, we challenge participants to find a unique connection to our stories and to express that connection.

Watch the Green Grow with FCPA - Alex Marstall, Fairfax County Park Authority – Resource Management Division

Watch the Green Grow is a Fairfax County Park Authority outreach program encouraging green actions on private property. Learn about our way of measuring success with maps.

A Canal That Does Knots Connects - Robert M. Healy, Jr, Park Ranger, National Mall & Memorial Parks, NPS, USDI

*Sea the means by which you, at the end of your rope,
can find a weigh to engage Jr. Rangers within scope,
whether with tongue-twisting twine tied as tightly as knot,
and global warming weather increasingly hot,
a lock less monster, a canal, will help you cope.*

Dedicate misspellings above as delicate, deliberate, and decerebrate. Find out why.