



CHEARS!



CHesapeake Education, Arts, and Research Society

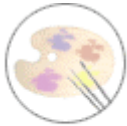
To the health of our watershed!



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Education



Arts



Research



Society

<http://chears.org/>

Who Are We? *CHEARS, the CHesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society, is a non-profit organization dedicated to the health of all who share the Chesapeake watershed environment. We are a tribe of friends and volunteers, natural and social scientists, artists, educators, and families who are learning together and empowering others in ecology, stewardship, and artistic expression for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and its major drainage basins -- the East-Shore-MD, East-Shore-VA, Patuxent, Potomac, Rappahannock, Susquehanna, West-Shore-MD, and York basins. We take inspiration from all cultures that recognize the inter-connectedness of all organisms and places within the web of life.*

We have a special focus on the cross-species, cross-place, and cross-time linkages. We explore linkages between our homes in urban, suburban and rural areas in Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. Equally important to us are the temporal linkages, as we look to connect our past heritage and our future visions for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, and our relationship to the past, current and future worldwide Earth community.

Would You Like to Join Us? *Chears projects are conceived, developed and implemented by volunteers who have realized that if we are to restore the health of us all, we need to change many things about the way we live each day. Chears was created to be a support and vehicle for folks to join with others in the fight to save the Bay and the Planet in a cheerful way, recognizing the urgency, but wanting to take time to enjoy our earth along the way. Learn about some projects in which you can get involved on the other side of this page..*



Join CHEARS

How can I participate in CHEARS Activities?

We welcome people from the entire Chesapeake Watershed to participate in a variety of ways, as you will see below. We hope that you will feel welcome and excited about sharing a skill you already have, or trying something new, and reaching out to others. We are very open to new ideas and want to support you in following your dreams.

Open to Anyone

Sign up for our free quarterly email newsletter with current news on a variety of topics relating to the health of the Chesapeake Watershed.

Free action alerts for those who want to impact public policy decisions on the local, state and federal level—when there are last minute issues that we know you'll want to hear about

Many volunteer opportunities—let us know your interest areas:

Water quality monitoring and other research projects,

Sustainable gardening

Linkage with other groups with similar missions

Nature and the arts projects

Outdoor awareness and healing programs

Many other activities offered by members for the community at large.

Membership Benefits

In addition to the benefits available to members and non-members alike, members get a number of special benefits. Members have a forum for posting your own publications, sharing your ideas or your art work, and expressing your love of this watershed and your ideas for how we can create a more sustainable way of life in our watershed.

CHEARS members can organize and lead their own projects and participate in CHEARS organizational activities and write articles for our society publications.

Members can become Coordinators, and for every CHEARS Coordinator we offer a homepage, as long as certain guidelines are followed. A secure web page is also available for each Coordinator to login and manage his or her CHEARS project, and to inform the public about the progress of the project.

Being a CHEARS Donor

Donors are members who decide to help CHEARS grow in a variety of ways. CHEARS depends on donations to support its many volunteer-run projects.

You can become a regular donor by pledging a fixed amount each month to be charged to your charge card or debited from your checking account.

You can make a one-time donation or multi-year pledge at any level that feels right for you.

You can volunteer to help with fundraising or inviting others from your local area to join CHEARS.

You can lend your expertise in publicizing important events, maintaining our member database, developing brochures, writing letters to the editor, performing or donating art work.

**Join CHEARS Now or on the Web at
<http://chears.org/> Mail form & check to CHEARS,
 c/o Joan Clement, 506 Elm Ave, Takoma Pk, MD 20912
 Basic membership \$20, see below for others.**

Name*
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Affiliation

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Primary Goal

- Arts Chesapeake Education
- Research Society

Project Interests

- Fundraiser EarthBonding Local food and business
- Arts Workshops Earth Squad Eco-Yard Co-op
- Permaculture Design Flows

Kids \$0; Basic \$20; Family \$35; Organization \$50; Partner \$100; Sustainer \$250; Stewart \$500; Riverkeeper \$1000+; Restorer \$2000+; Healer \$3000+; Hero/Heroine \$4000+

Membership Level

Family Members and above receive copy of **Ecoscaping Back to the Future**—by Zora Lathan and Thistle A Cone of Chesapeake Ecology Center