

St. Marys County Hosts Teachers From Around the World

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The Arts Education in Maryland Schools Alliance- AEMS, a nonprofit group, will host teachers from throughout the United States and the world for a one-day learning excursion on Thursday, July 24, for teachers to develop arts integrated lesson plans. The primary site will be the Chesapeake Bay Field Lab at St. George Island. The groups will enjoy a local lunch at Evans Restaurant.

The visit is part of a four day Artist Teacher Institute International Conference held at the University of Maryland in College Park. The AEMS program will help teachers develop lessons that use the arts and core subject areas to increase student achievement.

The trip will bring teachers from parochial Maryland schools, and teachers from Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Italy, and Kurdistan to the Chesapeake Bay Field Lab where they will explore the regions rich mix of culture, arts, and geography. Teachers will learn how to dredge for oysters, catch blue crabs and integrate poetry and writing into the science curriculum with poet Yael Flushberg.

"We are excited about this possibility to help local parochial school teachers, along with teachers from around the world, to learn about Southern Maryland through hands-on lessons," notes tour organizer Karen Acton.

Hosts for the day include the St. Marys County Tourism Office, J. F. Taylor, a local defense contractor, the St. Mary's Arts Council and the Kiwanis Club.

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