

Welcome to the Tuesday Tree Huggin' Tip!

Tip 16: Learn and Practice Water Conservation.

And I have a really easy way for you to learn all about water conservation and have fun doing it – **The Patuxent Watershed Festival!**

This Saturday, April 18th, between 12 and 4 p.m., the Patuxent Reservoirs Watershed Protection Group is hosting a **H2OFest** at the park on Brooklyn Bridge Road (intersection of I-95 and Bond Mill Rd.) in Laurel, Maryland. There will be fun and informative activities so all ages can learn how to help preserve and protect our water resources. These activities include:

- Children's Activities and Crafts
- Green Building Information
- Green Product Demonstrations
- Composting/Rain Barrel/Pest Control Demonstrations
- Booths from Local Energy Utilities
- Tours of the T.H. Duckett Dam
- Rain Barrel and Native Tree Raffle
- Tables manned by local Elementary Schools, Government Agencies, and Patuxent River Keepers

I have attached a brochure with more information about this event, or you can call 301-206-8240 to speak to the organizers.

Additionally, there will be a **Charity Bike Ride** that morning at the same location. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.; you must be 18 or older – this is a challenging 18 mile or 30 mile ride, depending on which course you select. All proceeds benefit the Water Fund, a non-profit group working with WSSC to ensure that low income families have access to clean water in their homes. The ride starts and ends at T. Howard Duckett Dam in Prince George's County (7401 Brooklyn Bridge Road, Laurel, MD 20707.) There will be support vehicle(s) and water stops for riders. An informational brochure on this bike ride is attached above.

Thanks to Jeanette Stahl for bringing this event to my attention. I certainly hope I see you all in Laurel this coming Saturday . . . I want a chance at that rain barrel raffle!

Yours in crunchiness,

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