



The Gunston School

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Dear All:

Pardon the lengthy email.

First, let me thank everyone for partnering together to help create two new environmental education professional development opportunities for private/independent schools in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. I wanted to summarize a recent conference call between Gunston and CBF, connect the various "players" who are helping to coordinate this effort, as well as provide an update on next steps in the planning process.

Here we go:

1. Introduction: as a means of introduction, here are the individuals who I have included in this email:
 - o Tom Ackerman, Vice President of Education for CBF
 - o Amy Green, Director of Teacher Professional Learning for CBF
 - o Allyson Ladley Gibson, Education Outreach Coordinator for CBF
 - o Peter Baily, Executive Director, Association of Maryland and DC Schools
 - o Betsy Hunroe, Executive Director, Virginia Association of Independent Schools
 - o Emily Beck, Sustainability Coordinator/Teacher at The Gunston School, lead educator for the 5-day independent school teacher course.
 - o John Lewis, Headmaster of The Gunston School, lead educator for the 3-day leadership course.
2. Programs: Currently, there are **two new programs** we are seeking to launch this summer, to be held at the CBF Environmental Learning Centers.
 - o A 3-day workshop on Environmental Leadership for Private School Leaders (program description attached). Program dates: Wednesday, July 20th through Friday, July 22nd. This will be held at Port Isobel.
 - o A 5-day workshop for private school teachers on Environmental Education. Dates/description to be finalized
3. Logistics: for review and approval
 - o Advertising/Materials: CBF's communication department will generate the formal advertising materials/brochures by mid-January. These will be on display at the various CBF education centers. VAIS and AIMS will seek to publicize and distribute these materials through their respective association channels.
 - o Program Cost: As I understand, the Leadership program is **fully funded** by the NOAA B-WET grant, and there is no cost to participants. Tom, is the teacher's conference similarly funded?
 - o Logos: CBF would like to put the logos of the respective organizations on the advertising material. If possible, please send these along to Allyson Gibson at agibson@cbf.org.
 - o Registration: the program registration will "go live" in mid-January, and registration will be coordinated through the CBF registration site. Thus, a link from the AIMS/VAIS sites would need to be established.
 - o Possible Additional Partners/Mailing List: The Association of Independent Schools of Greater Washington (AISGW) may also serve as a partner. Additional schools in the watershed are covered by NYSAIS and PAIS. Perhaps we could reach out to these associations to alert watershed schools about this opportunity. Beyond this, seeking to create a master list of all independent/private/parochial schools in the watershed is probably a worthy goal.

If I have missed anything, and/or should there be any additional questions, thoughts, insights, etc., please feel free to add them.

Warm Regards,

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