We are striving to excite, engage and enrich your understanding of YOUR connection to local waterways, no matter where you live.

At the core of all that we do is a passion to inspire others to help leave this world a better place, be the change to protect our planet, and instill a love and wonder of the natural world in you and future generations.

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You have questions, we have answers! We will reply to your most pressing queries about our local waterways!
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BY JOSALYN BONNEY

The cold temperatures of winter are a notoriously fickle time for car batteries. Pair that with blasting heat, defrosters and the radio for background noise, are electric cars really up to the task? As an electric car owner myself, battery life for long trips is a common concern for me as well as interested or new electric vehicle (EV) owners.

According to a New York Times article, charging infrastructure is on the rise. While many cars can already go 200-plus miles, some (such as the Nissan Leaf 2018 that I own) need an extra boost for longer distances. To close this discrepancy, companies such as EVgo are building hundreds of chargers that can give the average car 100 miles in 20 to 30 minutes. Last year, I took my very first road trip from Annapolis to Williamsburg. While there were some unforeseen setbacks, I was able to make it there and back in one piece—a test that earned a passing grade.

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BY MELISSA BAJADEK

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Dear Shark,

What does it mean to be a Green School? How does a school become a Green School?

Answer provided by Steve Fletcher, Magothy River Middle School

Great questions! There’s a lot to it, but I will attempt to give you a brief response that gives some initial thought on how a school would pursue a Green School Certification. The first step in becoming a Green School is gaining an understanding of the requirements of your district, state or certifying organization, or whomever is the grantor of the Green School designation.

In Maryland, the certifying organization is the Maryland Association of Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE). From my perspective they are a well run and responsive organization. This is an important aspect to keep in mind.

Bay Paddle
For a 2nd time, BKG completed the Bay Paddle; traversing 200 miles of the Chesapeake Bay while supporting other participants. BP 2021 raised money and awareness for oyster restoration.

Back IN School
From September until now, we have engaged with and educated over 600 students in 9 schools & communities.

Himmel’s Fall Festival
We led environmental education activities while WRNR’s Rob Timm broadcasted LIVE & our 2nd rain barrel raffle winner was announced.

5K TRI for the Bay Tree Planting
5 trees were planted at Brooklyn Park Middle School in lieu of prize medals for the participants.
HELP SANTA "CLAWS" SCUTTLE TO THE BAY FLOOR TO HIBERNATE FOR THE WINTER!

KIDS KORNER

JOLLY HOLIDAY
LIGHT UP THE BAY!
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See you in 2022!