

# Lab Notes

September 2025



## Learning at the Lab

We're so excited that APS students are back at the Lab. Field trips started earlier this month and fifth grade overnights will begin in early October. In alignment with Virginia science education standards, Lab lesson plans are honed by Lab staff and classroom teachers together.

- **3rd graders** learn how seasonal changes affect both terrestrial and aquatic creatures as they examine habitats
- **5th graders** focus on geological features while hiking
- **7th graders** work on animal classifications, ecology and mapping while exploring the acreage
- **High schoolers** map the terrain, test the water quality and participate in ecology "deep dives"

## Fall Open House October 19th

Join us for our fall Open House on Sunday, October 19th from 10am - 2pm.

**Watch your email for registration details!**

Bring your friends and family to hike, fish and eat s'mores.

If you'd like to volunteer, please use this [Open House Volunteer Form](#).



## Volunteer Opportunities

**Help Shape the Future of the Outdoor Lab!**

As we move towards creating new learning facilities at the Outdoor Lab, we are forming an **Environmental Education Advisory Committee** to help review our current practices and inform our decisions moving forward. If you are an Outdoor Lab alum working in science or current or former educator, we would love to have you join us!

To learn more, please contact [vp@outdoorlab.org](mailto:vp@outdoorlab.org) or fill out our [Volunteer Interest Form](#).



# Arlington County Fair

We were excited to see so many of you at the Arlington County Fair last month. Thanks to the over 50 people who shared their Lab stories when they stopped by our booth. We loved hearing how your time at the Outdoor Lab impacted you.



Six lucky people won an Outdoor Lab hat for sharing their stories. Thanks for inspiring us!

Angel Battsetseg  
Laney Hart  
Ida Heid  
Amber Robey  
Simon Shepherd  
Alison Yue

## Legacy Planning

As you plan for your future, we hope that you will consider a gift in your estate plan to support of Arlington Outdoor Education Association. You can make a bequest in your will and/or make AOEA the beneficiary of your IRA or life insurance policy. For more information, please contact Colleen Levine at [vp@outdoorlab.org](mailto:vp@outdoorlab.org).



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