



**Hazel Outdoor Discovery Center
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Hazel Outdoor Discovery Center to Host Get Outdoors Day on October 2

The Hazel Outdoor Discovery Center (HODC) in Eden, MD, will host the 13th Annual Get Outdoors Day from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 2, 2021. This event encourages active outdoor fun and is free to attend, thanks to the Hazel Farm Property Foundation. Exhibitors from local outdoor organizations, parks, and museums will team up at the Hazel Outdoor Discovery Center to offer hands-on outdoor experiences for families.

The main goals of the day are reaching underserved populations and reconnecting our youth to nature. Kids can participate in and learn about firearm safety, fishing, mountain biking, kayaking, and more. Parents can learn about organizations that help kids develop safe and healthy habits while exploring our great Delmarva outdoors. Free cinch packs with the HODC logo will be provided to the first 400 kids. A free hot dog BBQ will be provided for all attendees, with water and soft drinks donated by Pepsi Bottling Ventures.

The Hazel Outdoor Discovery Center was the vision of Richard F. Hazel, Eastern Shore philanthropist and former president of the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. of Salisbury. Mr. Hazel loved the outdoors. More importantly, he loved seeing kids connect with nature at his "farm" on Cooper Road in Eden, Maryland. An avid sportsman until his untimely passing in February 2008, Mr. Hazel spent much of his free time at his 500+ acre preserve. With his friends and family, he maintained the property as a haven for wildlife, including white-tailed deer, wild turkeys, and Delmarva fox squirrels. While he enjoyed his quiet mornings hunting alone on his farm, Mr. Hazel truly enjoyed lending the property to scouts and youth groups for a variety of daytime activities and overnight camping experiences. The HODC is proud to carry on this tradition today.

For more information about the Hazel Outdoor Discovery Center, please visit www.hazeloutdoors.org.