

DC & Baltimore
Tutoring & Mentoring
Initiatives

A tutor or mentor for each student reading below grade level or with other academic or non-academic needs

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civic Fest

*The Festival with a Purpose:
Music & Ideas — Civic Action & Community Transformation
Frederick 4-H Camp— July 29th-31st*

Featured Artists: TBD

Imagine a weekend festival that combines music and the arts; thought-provoking workshops, speakers and conversation; community; and nature – all aimed at giving us the inspiration to work together to build stronger communities and more fulfilling lives for ourselves. The first will take place at the Frederick County 4-H Camp & Activity Center, a wonderful 85 acres of woods and fields and an easy 1-hour drive from Washington and Baltimore on the weekend of July 29-31st.

Tracks & Workshops

- ◆ Civic Leadership Fellows Program
- ◆ Tutoring & Mentoring
- ◆ Community Arts & Imagination
- ◆ Local Sustainable Food Systems, Urban & Rural Farming
- ◆ Nonprofit Management & Leadership
- ◆ Community Dialogue

If we want thriving communities and a healthy democracy, we need to step up our game. The great movements of the past several centuries were anchored by big events that mobilized large numbers of people. We need to do the same if we are to succeed in getting a tutor and mentor for every student who needs one – our immediate goal – and in creating the civic leadership movement we need to tackle the challenges we face with growing inequality, persistent poverty, climate change, and polarized government. This festival can be the linchpin for this effort:

- ◆ **Catalyze volunteering.** Each participant is required to either commit to long-term volunteering for the next year or make a substantial contribution to the tutoring & mentoring fund.
- ◆ **Team.** Provide participants with the concrete and inspiring experience of working together intensely and successfully as a community for a shared purpose.
- ◆ **Give participants the experience of living a well-balanced life.** Each day begins with exercise in nature, the food will be healthy, the "TED talk-like" speakers will spur conversations that we hope are rich, deep and energizing.
- ◆ **Serve as a springboard to help people support one another** in their efforts to have meaningful community-focused lives. People will have the option of continuing their conversations and learning in biweekly or monthly small groups if they'd like.
- ◆ **Raise funds to support local organizations.** 30-50% of proceeds go to local nonprofit organizations including local tutoring and mentoring organizations and other partner nonprofit partners.

The Tutoring & Mentoring Initiatives

The idea is simple: Provide a tutor or mentor for every student reading below grade level or in need of extra academic or non-academic support in DC and Baltimore. Add in extra classroom and after-school support and extra mentoring or support for other family members and we could transform educational outcomes in the city, develop our workforce, end intergenerational poverty, and create a vibrant, welcoming and safe city for all people. In short, this is the key to both transforming educa-



Two Mutually Reinforcing Goals

Thriving,
Engaged,
Welcoming,
Nurturing,
Community

Well-
Rounded
Students
Succeed In
School & Out



The Vision: We need a "civic awakening" to transform the future of our communities and our country.

tional outcomes AND the civic life or culture of Baltimore and DC. The numbers are big — 40,000 kids in DC and 60,000 in Baltimore — but the goal is achievable in a metro area of many millions.

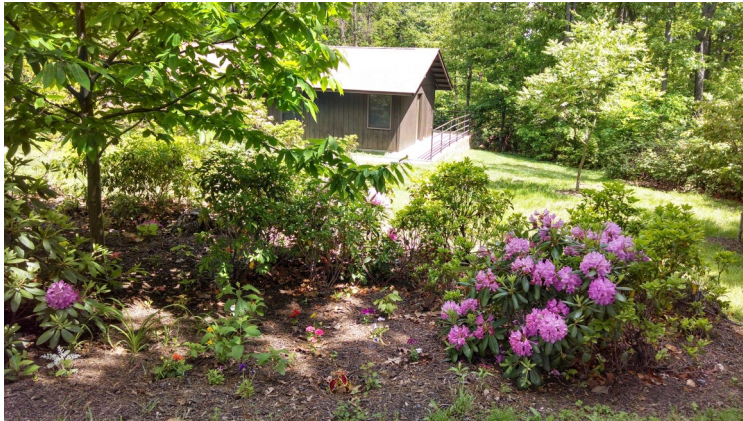
The Price of Admission: Do good in the world

- ◆ **Commit to being or becoming a Long-Term Volunteer** for a year as a tutor, mentor or weekly volunteer or give \$100 to help support us and our partner organizations. We ask for the name of the organization where you volunteer or a letter showing that you are in the process of signing up.
- ◆ **Participate** fully in the arts, exercise, dialogue, study and reflection that will be integrated into each day. Everyone is expected to get up around sunrise to walk, exercise, meditate, do yoga, or pray, either alone or in a group. (You can choose your own activity but we encourage you to try a mix.)
- ◆ **Pay the modest participation & meal fee.** (\$60 includes 6 meals & camping or \$100 with bed in bunkhouses.) Can't afford it? Let us know and we may be able to offer a scholarship.

The Path Forward

Imagine: "Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." — Harriet Tubman

We all want to live in a better world where every child grows up feeling loved and supported and has a decent shot at a good life; where we can achieve a fulfilling balance and rhythm of life and work, reflection and action, fun and service; where communities work together; where nations are at peace with one another; and where we are good stewards of the environment. But little of this is likely — at least on a large scale — unless more of us take more responsibility for our communities.



We hope that you will find this event provides a vivid taste of what a better world can be and spurs our imagination. And if we remember this experience, and take it with us in our actions over the next year, we will begin to change the world for the better.

Collaborate: "Go fast, go alone. Go far, go together." (African proverb) Build or be part of a team working together. It will take all kinds of people working together and we need to start with an appreciation for the strengths each of us brings to creating a better world and more patience for the weaknesses, which we all have as well. To be successful in creating strong communities, we need...

- ◆ The imagination and creativity of artists
- ◆ The determination and systems thinking of engineers
- ◆ The laser-like focus on achieving a goal of business people
- ◆ The analytic mind of scientists and scholars
- ◆ The love and patience of parents

Friday evening - Sunday Mid-Day Schedule

Friday evening

6- 9 pm. Dinner, opening session & music

Saturday

- ◆ Sunrise/6 am - Walk, run, meditate, do yoga, pray, write, or reflect - 1 hour - Be alone or with a group
- ◆ Get ready for the day
- ◆ Breakfast - 7-8 or 8-9 am
- ◆ Speaker - 30 min.
- ◆ Workshops and small group discussions - 1 hour - 9-10 - Groups based on people living in the same community, volunteering or working at the same nonprofit organization or business, or based on interest area or interest in a presenter.
- ◆ Break
- ◆ Music, Frisbee, soccer or fun - 10:30 am - 12 pm
- ◆ Lunch - Groups work to make their own - 12-2 pm
- ◆ Workshops and small group discussions - 2-3 pm
- ◆ Music - 3-5 pm
- ◆ Reflection, walking or small group projects - 5-6 pm
- ◆ Dinner & evening concert - 6-9:30 pm

Sunday

- ◆ Sunrise/6 am - Walk, run, meditate, do yoga, pray, write, or reflect - 1 hour - Be alone or with a group..
- ◆ Same morning schedule as Saturday
- ◆ Leave between 1 & 3 pm

- ◆ The commitment to justice of activists
- ◆ The ability to push through pain to achieve a goal of athletes

Build **wisdom, compassion and creativity:** **Make time for reflection, prayer, meditation, and study each morning and for exercise each day.** Connect to the deeper threads of your own experience and history. Where do we find meaning in our lives? How can we bring our values to our day-to-day lives and work?

Develop the **focus, courage, and tenacity** to put that wisdom, compassion and creativity into our lives each day in both the big decisions we make in life and work and in the small habits and interactions we have with others.

Join Us!

Register today at <http://www.civicFest.us> (EventBrite).

We need your help!

- ◆ Volunteer to help organize CivicFest this spring & summer
- ◆ Volunteer at the event
- ◆ Become a sponsor or partner
- ◆ Make a contribution

Please contact us at info@dcTutorMentor.org or 301-325-3141 to get involved!