Pilot program with Springfield Central High School a success!

In October, 55 freshmen and sophomore students from Springfield Central High School participated in one of three Learn About Forests programs in Peru, MA. Kevin Lalime, Eagle Eye past participant from 1997 and now Assistant Principal in the Springfield School System and Brian Cusack, Physics and Biology teacher at Springfield Central High School made it happen. Kevin’s experience with Eagle Eye as a 17-year old and member of Lowell’s’ Spindle City youth program was so life changing that he wanted to offer his high school students a similar opportunity to be out in nature and gain leadership and environmental stewardship skills. There are plans underway for stewardship for the spring and future LAF programming.

2013 Organizational Development Achievements

• Ran two successful EAGLE (Earth Advocates: Green Leaders for the Environment) Club after school programs using our new curriculum packages engaging 44 youth in Somerville from the Healy Boys and Girls Club and Mystic Learning Center.

• Continued advocacy and stewardship projects at both EAGLE clubs. 10+ bags of trash/recycling cleaned up by Healey and MLC EAGLE Clubs this fall. Somerville Housing Authority has agreed to launch a pilot recycling program in one of the public housing buildings in 2014; a direct result of MLC EAGLE Club advocacy initiative.

• Organized successful summer programming partnering with seven youth organizations in Somerville, Medford, and Chinatown engaging 83 youth in learning (43), stewardship (41), and garden club advocacy programming (23) at natural sites in Greater Boston.

• Increased volunteer base and reached out to previous NRP’s. In 2013 we worked with eleven new volunteers who served as instructors during Learn About Programming, led urban stewardship projects, helped with our new website design, and joined EAGLE Club as guest speakers.

• Launched the new Eagle Eye website and blog in September and sent out quarterly Email blasts with updates on programming accomplishments to supporters.

• Planned and organized three Eagle Eye special events including expanding our annual Hike A Thon with 75 individuals participating in four hikes across the country. Two anonymous donors matched donations 1:1 up to $10K to help raise over $20K to support EEI programming.

• Supervised and trained seven interns from Tufts University and Antioch to assist with EAGLE Club and Learn About programming.

"I wish this was school. I would remember more if I could see, smell and touch what I’m learning."
- EAGLE Club youth participant, age 11
Rainbow Growers at Mystic Learning Center

This spring EAGLE Club youth from Mystic Learning Center in Somerville will be growing vegetables for the second year in the Mystic Community Garden with funds received from Katie’s Krops. With assistance from Eagle Eye and Mystic Learning Center staff, youth between the ages of 7 and 13 will prepare, seed, nurture and harvest vegetables, and donate the food to people in need.

Last winter Eagle Eye approached EAGLE Club youth with an opportunity to receive funding from Katie’s Krops – an organization that assists others to start and maintain vegetable gardens and donate the harvest to help feed people in need.

Two youth from the Mystic Learning Center EAGLE Club, Darien Rodriguez and Sabiha Miahjee stepped forward and worked together to plan their project and fill out the grant application. They chose to call themselves the “Rainbow Growers” and started their own blog to record their efforts.

This spring youth plan to make updates to the Mystic Community Garden, use newly purchased garden tools and grow a variety of vegetables including collard greens, dinosaur kale, basil, eggplant, tomatoes and peppers. The youth look forward to involving more community members in the garden and keeping everyone updated on their blog. Last year youth donated 52 pounds of produce -- they hope to double that this year and aim to donate over 100 pounds of food to people in need in Somerville.
Spring Interns at Eagle Eye

This spring we welcomed Jose Sanchez, as our first ever Northeastern coop intern. Jose is working with Program Manager Susan Ekstrom on EAGLE Club programming and stewardship projects at Medford High School and is leading Rainbow Growers at Mystic Learning Center (MLC). Tisch Scholars Kim Mendoza and Jessica Dimas joined Tufts Work Study student Nathan Justice to facilitate EAGLE Club programming at MLC and Healey Boys and Girls Club. This spring our theme at MLC and Healey was nature journaling. We were fortunate to have Clare Walker Leslie, author and naturalist, join us for a nature journaling workshop prior to the beginning of spring program. She also volunteered her time to assist with our youth programming.

Thank You 2013 Volunteers!


2013 In-Kind Donations

Basil Tree Gourmet Catering  Trader Joe’s Cambridge
Rancatore’s Ice Cream  Subway
Redbones BBQ  Whole Foods Cambridge
Rocket Science Printing  When Pigs Fly Bakery

12th Annual Hike a Thon!

This year’s 12th Annual “Hike a Thon” scheduled for the weekend of October 18-19. Similar to our hike last year, we are encouraging supporters to organize their own hikes and raise money. Every dollar up to 15K will be matched, so double your donation this year by participating. And spread the word!

2013 Grants and Awards

3500 Mass Cultural Council
5000 Roy A. Hunt Foundation
2000 Clif Bar
1500 Green Leaf Foundation
1500 Living Springs Foundation
600 Walmart Foundation
500 Tufts Neighborhood Service Grant
300 Next Step Living - Solar Challenge
Thank You to our 2013 Donors!

Visionary Eagle - $10,000
Maja Kietzke & Anthony Sanchez

Soaring Eagle - $5,000
Acacia Fund/Boston Foundation
Anonymous
Gail Strand
Anonymous

Golden Eagle - $1,000
Catherine S England Fund
Sarah Cowles Doering
Richard Games
Kira & Joe Jewett
Bill & Chris Labich
Carol Pine
Ron Pulisifer
Katy Lacy & Ted Hirsch
Henry & Liz Vandermark

Eaglet - $500
Ginny Dorne
Marc Fortin & Gretchen Ramos
David Myers
Jill & Courtney Nottage
Joanne Peckarsky & Lisa Menconi
Tisch College Scholar Program
Plourde Family Charitable Trust
Roger & May Plourde
ThreeBees Fund

Nesting - $250
Dale & Linda Burgess
Chris Cato & Rosa Morales
Davidson Hamer
Elise & Ethan Hoblitzelle
Elaine Epstein & Jim Krachey
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Nixon Insurance
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Jillene Smith
Melinda Stockmann
Lally Stowell
Chris Proulx & Varya Siegel
Chris Porter
Maggie & John Russell
Travel Collaborative Birthday fund
Wedgewood Crane & Connolly Ins
Bruce Wenning

Eagle Egg - $100
Keith & Judy Asarkof
Meredith Benton
Dale Burgess
Rosalind Cowie
Peter Creighton
Joseph Curtatone
Edna & Kai Doggett
Fred Dow & Shirley Mark
Paula Ebbitt
James Ekstrom

Eagle Egg (cont)
Sigrid Ewers
Betsy Friedlander
David Frydman
Joanna & Dennis Hannon
Ken Gooch
Lucinda Gruber
Forrest Hartmann
Beverly Hoffman & Roger Kalhovd
Kenneth Labich & Ann Curran
Lucinda & David Lee
Stephen Lepp
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Nathan Litscher & Rebecca
Orlowski
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Carol Nickerson
Mark Niedergang & Marya Axner
Bob O'Connor
John O'Keefe
Paul Pierron
Mike Rock
Chris Selavage
Paul Shannon
Paula & David Sherwood
Tina Stern
Tisch College
Emily Wade
Wedgewood Crane & Connolly
Anne Wright and Eric Segal

Nest Builder - $50
Phoebe Barbes
Eric Berke
Margaret Bullitt-Jonas
Debra Cato
Estelle Disch
Susan Ekstrom
Stephen Engler
Austin Frakt
Donna Grant
John & Carol Greeley
Jackie Haslam
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