

Join Us for an Incredible Journey



Each fall, monarch butterflies from the U.S. and Canada begin a 2,000 mile migration to Mexico. The following spring, their great grandchildren return. This summer, an exciting opportunity for concerned citizens is coming to a town near you.

The powerful story of the monarch butterfly inspired the emergence of the *Monarch Teacher Network* (MTN) in 2001 and its Canadian partners... including *Monarch Teacher Network of Canada*... in 2003. **In the spring of 2019, the monarch population returning from Mexico will likely be the largest in the past 12 years... creating an exciting learning opportunity for educators, gardeners and people of all ages.**

'Teaching and Learning With Monarch Butterflies' is a workshop that combines classroom and field experiences for people who are interested in butterflies, gardening, nature, science, North American cultures and environmental education. This project can be used by educators in pre-K through 12th grade classrooms to teach essential skills in literacy, science, geography, math, technology, Spanish, the arts and social studies. Workshop participants include teachers, master gardeners, naturalists, retirees and other adults. Participants leave the workshop with a large variety of materials they can use to bring this exciting subject into their home, classroom and community.



Participants are provided with the knowledge, skills, materials and confidence to raise monarchs and to create an outstanding learning experience for people of all ages.



Participants receive: Hands-on instruction by experienced presenters; rearing cages, books, posters, DVDs and other essential materials; strategies for butterfly gardens and "Monarch Parades"; inquiry-based science activities for all abilities; activities for Mexican/pre-Hispanic culture, history and Spanish language; activities for language arts, math, social studies, drama, and fine arts; distance-learning projects with schools in Canada/Mexico/California; proven models for engaging community support; post-workshop support.

These two, single-day workshops are being offered in cooperation with Fairfax County schools.

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Here is what people are saying:

- *"This was the most awesome learning experience in my 30 years of teaching."*
- *"Thank you for all the insights - reflecting on our way of life and how to make a difference."*
- *"Everyone's commitment, dedication, energy and obvious passion for this project are outstanding and contagious ... wonderful ambassadors for the planet Earth!"*
- *"What a magical place the classroom will be! I can't wait to try to connect kids even more to the environment."*
- *"I have never had monarchs in my classroom and now I am excited to start this new amazing classroom activity! I feel fully equipped to start this new hands-on adventure!"*

Workshop Details

Date: Thursday July 18 OR Friday July 19, 2019

July 18: Green Spring Garden County Park, 4603 Green Spring Rd, Alexandria VA

July 19: Centreville Elementary School, 14330 Green Trails Blvd, Centreville, VA



Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$99.00



Name _____ Summer E-mail (**important**) _____

Home Address (street, city) _____

_____ State _____ zip _____

Home phone: (_____) _____ (Optional) Grade _____ T-shirt size _____

School or Business Name & Address: _____

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