

**Family Eco-Tour/Service Learning Trip to Washington DC**  
**Sunday Evening June 29<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Noon July 7, 2008**  
**William Penn House**

Join us at The William Penn House in Washington DC as we celebrate our nation's heritage and be a part of making it an even better place to live. This week will include service and learning opportunities with an ecological perspective.

The Smithsonian Folklife Festival is an international exposition of living cultural heritage annually produced outdoors on the National Mall of the United States in Washington, D.C., by the Smithsonian Institution's Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage. Last year they began to address the ecological impact of the Festival with a plastic bottle recycling program. This year they are expanding to include an effort to make a large percentage of the trash generated by the festival either recycled or composted.

Your family can be a part of this effort by joining the festival volunteer crew to help festival goers sort their trash appropriately into recycling and composting bins.

[http://www.folklife.si.edu/center/festival\\_2008.html](http://www.folklife.si.edu/center/festival_2008.html)

**Eco Learning:**

In addition to participating in the Folklife Festival, we will learn about the growing problems of urban waste-streams and what we can do about it. Activities include:

- a visit to the Anacostia Watershed Society and the Anacostia River to see what is happening to clean up one of the rivers that run through the city
- helping to construct a rain garden in the William Penn House backyard.

**4th of July family fun:**

There will be lots of time for families to take advantage of many of the other fun things to do during the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, including the Smithsonian Folk Life Festival, concerts, movies, the Smithsonian museums, the National Zoo and of course the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks on the National Mall. Most of these activities are free.

**Cost:** The best part about this Eco-Tour Week at The William Penn House is how inexpensive it is.

- **Lodging & Workcamp Fee:** \$250 per person or \$1,000 per family of 4 or more (children under the age of 18). William Penn House provides shared accommodations (including bed linens and towels).
- **Transportation:** Parking can be scarce and expensive. If you wish to bring your car, we will provide parking passes for the neighborhood but cannot guarantee spaces. Metro is the best way to get around. A Metrobus 7-day pass costs \$11 and a Metrorail 7-day pass costs \$26.40. For more information check out the DC Metro web site at: <http://www.wmata.com/riding/passes.cfm>
- **Food:** Breakfast is included at the William Penn House. There is a refrigerator and microwave available for your use at the House and you can pack picnic lunches or dinners. The house kitchen is not available for guests.

**For more information or to make reservations, contact Patricia Newkirk at the William Penn House. [www.WilliamPennHouse.org](http://www.WilliamPennHouse.org) 202.543.5560**