

SPOIL ALL 5 SENSES

IN CHARLES COUNTY



POTOMAC RIVER
CHARLES COUNTY, MD



Discover Quest Saturday, August 13 & Sunday, August 14

Noon-5 p.m.

Indian Head Village Green & Pavilion
100 Walter Thomas Rd, Indian Head Hwy

www.CharlesCountyMD.gov/DiscoverQuest

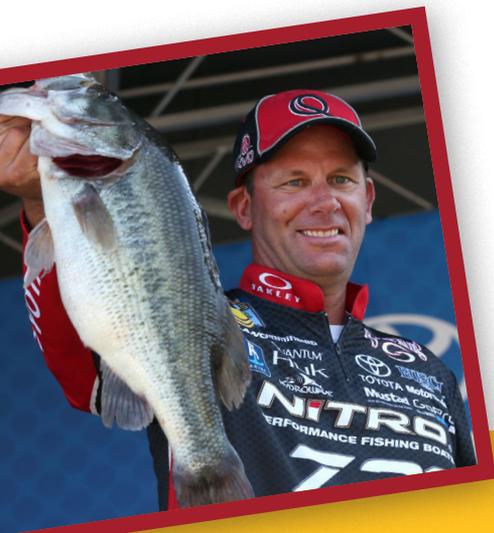
800-766-3386

Come see the top Bassmaster Elite anglers and immerse yourself in the charm of Indian Head at Discover Quest!

The town festivities begin at **Noon** on Saturday on the Village Green. Visit the Bassmaster sponsor tents and exhibits, enjoy **delicious** local food and drink, and wander to the Indian Head Pavilion for various **entertaining** programs.

EXPO & FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Bassmaster Sponsor Tents
- Berkley Fishing Experience Trailer
- Interactive Toyota Display Vehicles
- Demo Bass Boats at Mattingly Avenue Boat Launch
- Interactive programs from Living the American Indian Experience and Department of Natural Resources
- “Sanctuary: The Potomac as a Paradigm” – a presentation focusing on the Mallow's Bay – Potomac River National Marine Sanctuary initiative by Don Shomette
- “Captain John Smith's Discover Quest” – a presentation by Jim Long of the Mattawoman Watershed Society
- Food & Drink Vendors
- Local Artisans & Crafters
- And more!



*Free Admission & Parking
Fees for food, beverage & vendor purchases*

**For more information call: 1-800-766-3386 or
visit www.CharlesCountyMD.gov/DiscoverQuest**

Expo and festival activities subject to change.

DISCOVER QUEST SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

- Noon Festival Begins
- 12:30 p.m. Captain John Smith's Discover Quest
- 1 p.m. Kentkatám
- 1:30 p.m. Sanctuary: The Potomac as a Paradigm
- 2:30 p.m. Beaver Pond Bingo
- 3 p.m. Bassmaster Weigh-In
- 3:30 p.m. Papitám

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

- Noon Festival Begins
- 1 p.m. Kentkatám
- 2 p.m. Beaver Pond Bingo
- 3 p.m. Bassmaster Weigh-In
- 3:30 p.m. Papitám

Schedule of events is subject to change.

CAPTAIN JOHN SMITH'S DISCOVER QUEST

Presented by Jim Long, Mattawoman Watershed Society

Indian Head Pavilion

Perhaps the most famous “discover quest” in our region occurred when Captain John Smith explored the Chesapeake Bay – including the Potomac River – in the summer of 1608. This slide presentation will use John Smith’s own words as a guide to some gems of nature that still remain in western Charles County.

KENTKATÁM

Presented by Living the American Indian Experience

Indian Head Village Green

Kentkatám means, “Let’s Dance!” Join the Living the American Indian Experience team in a fun-filled hour of song, dance, and education. Take a cultural journey through social dances as members of the Piscataway Nation share their history in an interactive way.

SANCTUARY: THE POTOMAC AS A PARADIGM

Presented by Don Shomette

Indian Head Pavilion

A presentation focusing on the Mollusks Bay-Potomac River National Marine Sanctuary initiative, its prospects and problems, and its benefits and utility as a microcosm of the entire Chesapeake estuary system.





BEAVER POND BINGO

*Presented by John Allender,
Department of Natural Resources*

Indian Head Pavilion

An activity for all ages exploring the characteristics of beavers, beaver ponds, and the critters that live in the habitat that beavers create.

PAPITÁM

*Presented by Living the American
Indian Experience*

Indian Head Pavilion

Papitám means “Let’s Play”
in the Piscataway language.

Come participate in culturally appropriate local Native American experiences: make-and-take clay pottery, making shell jewelry, practicing safety archery, storytelling by the indoor fire, drumming, and dancing! The

Living the American Indian Experience team will guide children and parents alike through these educational and entertaining activities.

Space is limited – reserve your spot at the Living the American Indian Experience table!



PARTNER EVENTS

Sustainable Gardening

Charles County Public Library,
Potomac Branch
3225 Ruth B. Swann Drive, Indian Head

Saturday, Aug. 13, Noon-1:30 p.m.

Learn practical steps you can take in your home garden to protect the environment and the quality of our local waterways. Master Gardeners will discuss growing native plants, maintaining your lawn, watering efficiently, mulching and recycling yard waste and more. Learn how your garden can become Bay-Wise!

www.ccplonline.org, 301-375-7375

FREE!

Fossil Fun!

Charles County Public Library,
Potomac Branch
3225 Ruth B. Swann Drive, Indian Head

Saturday, Aug. 13, 2-3 p.m.

Travel back in time 10-20 million years to when dolphins, sting rays and sharks swam in the warm shallow waters that over time became the Chesapeake Bay. Learn about the changes in the sea and how these ancient creatures became fossils we can find today. Find and identify fossils and keep what you find!

Ticketed Event: Charles County Public Library will begin handing out tickets starting one hour before program begins. Customers must be present in person to receive a ticket and will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

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Kayak Rentals

Atlantic Kayak, Mattingly Park
Mattingly Ave, Indian Head

**Saturday & Sunday, Aug. 13-14,
10 a.m.-6 p.m.**

Single Kayaks: \$16/hr, \$25/2 hrs

Tandem Kayaks: \$22/hr, \$35/3 hrs

www.atlantickayak.com, 301-292-6455

Kayak Tours

Atlantic Kayak, Mattingly Park
Mattingly Ave, Indian Head

**Saturday, Aug. 13, 8-10 a.m. &
6:30-8:30 p.m.**

\$50/person, Reservation required

Learn the basics of kayaking, and off we'll go to explore Mattawoman Creek at the most beautiful times of the day. Get up close to the beautiful American Lotus flowers and wild rice plants, and learn about the importance of the tidal freshwater marsh ecosystem.

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Fascinating Birds of Mattawoman Creek

Atlantic Kayak, Mattingly Park
Mattingly Ave, Indian Head

Saturday, Aug. 13, 10 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.

Discover the birds that make Mattawoman Creek their home, from soaring bald eagles to energetic little red-winged blackbirds. Learn how each bird plays an important role in this globally rare, tidal freshwater ecosystem.

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Underwater Wonders

Atlantic Kayak, Mattingly Park
Mattingly Ave, Indian Head

FREE!

Saturday, Aug. 13, 10:30 a.m. & 4 p.m.

Meet the live animals and plants that inhabit Mattawoman Creek and discover what they need to live and grow. See how tiny glass shrimp defend themselves and learn about edible wild rice and American Lotus that line the shores of this beautiful creek.

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The Mysterious American Eel

Atlantic Kayak, Mattingly Park
Mattingly Ave, Indian Head

FREE!

Saturday, Aug. 13, 11 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.

Take a journey learning about the life cycle and ecology of the mysterious American eel. Meet a live freshwater mussel, and its fish host, the American eel, and see different types of eel traps used by watermen.

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Who Polluted Mattawoman Creek?

Atlantic Kayak, Mattingly Park
Mattingly Ave, Indian Head

FREE!

Saturday, Aug. 13, 11:30 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Play the hands-on-game "Who Polluted Mattawoman Creek." Learn about water quality, and see how to help keep Mattawoman Creek and other Chesapeake Bay tributaries clean.

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Mallows Bay Kayak Tour

Mallows Bay Park
1440 Wilson Landing Rd, Nanjemoy

Sunday, Aug. 14, 1-4 p.m.

\$75 person, tandem kayaks. Reservation required. On this unique tour you will explore the largest ship graveyard in the Western Hemisphere as our expert guide shares entertaining stories about the wrecks. Nature lovers will not be disappointed – the area is teeming with wildlife – ospreys and bald eagles fishing, fish jumping, ducks diving, and humans kayaking. The flora is equally fascinating – from towering sycamore trees to an array of edible and medicinal plants such as wild rice, duck potato, and pawpaw.

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- 1-Indian Head Village Green & Pavilion
- 2-Mattingly Park
- 3-Smallwood State Park
- 4-Charles County Public Library - Potomac Branch
- 5-Mallows Bay Park



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