

Growing Up WILD™

Providing an Early Start for Connecting Children to Nature

Growing Up WILD is an early childhood education program that builds on children's sense of wonder about nature and invites them to explore wildlife and the world around them. Through a wide range of activities and experiences, *Growing Up WILD* provides an early foundation for developing positive impressions about nature and lifelong social and academic skills.

- ✿ **Children start developing attitudes towards wildlife and nature at an early age.** *Growing Up WILD* provides 27 easy-to-use activities to help educators and caregivers introduce nature to young children.
- ✿ **Increase your knowledge, skills and confidence in teaching about nature.** *Growing Up WILD* provides the background information and professional development needed to help educators be successful.
- ✿ **A conservation ethic starts in childhood.** *Growing Up WILD* provides a "Helping Hands" conservation suggestion for every activity.
- ✿ **Learning continues with helps for parents once the children go home.** *Growing Up WILD* provides "Home Connections" cards with activities families can do outside together.
- ✿ **Workshops are offered by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries at a location near you.** Your state wildlife agency has a mission and a history of providing quality educational opportunities for teachers across the Commonwealth.

✿ **Join us for a Growing Up WILD workshop**

✿ **Date:** March 4, 2010 **Time:** 1-4 p.m.

✿ **Location:** Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

✿ **Registration required:** Register online at <http://www.lewisginter.org/adult-education/teacher-training.php> or call 804 262-9887 ext 322.

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Exploring Nature with Young Children

Ages 3-7

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