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NATURE PLAY SPACE FOR CHILDREN TO BE FEATURED AT THE
135TH unFAIRgettable MY MARYLAND STATE FAIR

TIMONIUM, MD - This year, for the first time, a Nature Play Space will be provided for children at the 135th unFAIRgettable MY Maryland State Fair. The Nature Play Space, located next to the MY Maryland Horseland Tent, will provide the opportunity, during the Fair, for children to freely and safely play and explore sand, maze, nature art, gardening, balancing, building, listening, observing and other stations. The 135th MY Maryland State Fair runs from Thursday, August 25th – Monday, September 5, 2016. Nature Play Space is open Friday, August 26th - Monday, Sept. 5.

“I feel it is important to get kids back outside in natural settings, like we used to do as kids,” said Maryland State Fair Board Member Donald Litz. “Nature Play Spaces provide an early physical, intellectual and creative play connection for children with nature and fosters a sense of wonder and awe, as well as future environmental stewardship.”

Facilitators will be on hand at various times to explain the benefits of each station to parents as their children play.

The 135th unFAIRgettable MY Maryland State Fair presented by Toyota is a fun and educational destination complete with daily exhibits, presentations and entertainment that are sure to captivate visitors of all ages. No other event provides so much food, fun, family entertainment and education for so little. The Maryland State Fair, located in Timonium in Baltimore County, opens Thursday, August 25 and runs through Monday, September 5, 2016.

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Hear live National and Local entertainment; enjoy thrills & chills on the Midway or Kiddie Land tame rides. Taste a feast of Fair and farm foods. Experience live Thoroughbred Horse Racing; explore the 4-H/Home Arts, Farm & Garden, Exhibition Hall and the Mosner/Miller Museum/DNR Buildings for thousands of the best-of-the-best of Maryland creations and exhibits. See all kinds of livestock and horses in the Cow Palace, Barns, Show Rings and Birthing Center. Participate in U-Learn Farm agriculture education activities, and more.

The 4-H/Home Arts, Farm & Garden and Exhibition Hall hours: Monday – Friday, 12 Noon – 10 PM, Saturdays – Sundays, 10 AM – 10 PM, and Labor Day Monday 10 AM – 8 PM. Mosner-Miller Museum hours: Monday – Friday, 12 PM – 8 PM and Saturdays, Sundays and Labor Day Monday, 10 AM – 8 PM. Mosner-Miller DNR Building hours: Monday – Friday, 2 PM – 8 PM and Saturdays, Sundays and Labor Day Monday, 10 AM – 8 PM. Kiddie Land rides area hours: Monday – Friday, 12 Noon – 10 PM and Saturdays, Sundays and Labor Day Monday, 10 AM – 10 PM. Main Midway rides, games and food stands hours: Monday – Friday, 2PM - close and Saturday, Sunday and Labor Day Monday, 10 AM - close. Early risers are welcome to attend livestock and horse shows in the various livestock buildings and show rings at 9 AM. Admission to the Fair is $8 for adults, $6 for seniors (62 and older) and $3 for children (6-11). Children five-years-old and younger are admitted free. Rides are individually priced. Limited parking on the Fairgrounds is available on a first-come, first-served basis for $5. Taking the Light Rail is recommended. Visit www.marylandstatefair.com.

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