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NATURE PLAY SPACE
AT THE 138TH MY MARYLAND STATE FAIR

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TIMONIUM, MD – More Than A Fair, We're A Culture...NatureCULTURE! *Nature Play Space*, the popular exhibit area that encourages outdoor play and exploration, returns to the 138th My Maryland State Fair. *Nature Play Space*, designed and built by Lazo Landscaping, Inc., will provide the opportunity for children to freely and safely play and explore sand, maze, nature art, gardening, balancing, building, listening, observing and other stations. The 138th MY Maryland State Fair runs from Thursday, August 22 – Monday, September 2, 2019. Nature Play Space, located next to the MY Maryland Horseland Tent, is open Friday, August 23 – Monday, September 2, 11 AM – 7 PM.

"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."

The Eastern Region Association of Forest and Nature Schools (ERAFANS) will lend great support to *Nature Play Space* this year. ERAFANS director Monica Wiedel-Lubinski and Litz have coordinated a rotating schedule of experienced nature-based educators and child care providers to explain the benefits of each nature play station to parents as their children play. An informative brochure will also be provided to visitors who would like to create a natural play space at their home, school, or park.

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More Than A Fair, We’re A Culture! The 138th MY Maryland State Fair presented by Toyota is a fun and educational destination complete with daily exhibits, presentations and entertainment 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, starts with **Ridemia Preview Night, on Thursday, August 22** from 5 PM to close. **Exhibit Halls, Barns, Midway Rides, Food, Games, and more open Friday, August 23 through Monday, September 2, 2019. General Fair hours are Monday – Friday, 12 PM - Close, Saturdays and Sundays and Labor Day Monday, 10 AM – Close.** See below for detailed Midway and Building Hours.

Hear live national and local entertainment during the M&T Bank Presents **LIVE! ON TRACK Concert Series**, featuring: American Pop band **HANSON** on August 23; and, Rock legends **The Marshall Tucker Band** on August 24; Country duo **LOCASH** on Aug 30; and, Arena Rock band **Night Ranger** on August 31. Concerts begin at 7:30 PM, in the Racetrack Infield. For ticket prices, go to Go to www.marylandstatefair.com.

Enjoy **Midway thrills & chills** and **tame rides in Kiddie Land**, play fun, **Fair games**, and taste a **feast of Fair and farm foods**, Monday - Friday, 12 Noon to close and Saturdays, Sundays & Labor Day Monday, 10 AM to close.

Explore **The 4-H/Home Arts, Farm & Garden Buildings, and The Exhibition Hall** for thousands of the best-of-the-best of Maryland creations and exhibits, Monday – Friday, 12 Noon – 9 PM, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 AM – 9 PM, and Labor Day Monday 10 AM – 8 PM. **The Mosner-Miller Museum/DNR Building** closes daily at 8 PM.

See all kinds of **livestock and horses in the Cow Palace, Barns, Show Rings and Birthing Center**. Early risers are welcome to arrive early to attend the livestock and horse shows in the various livestock barns, buildings and show rings. Go to www.marylandstatefair.com for 4-H and Open Class Show schedules.

Experience **Live Thoroughbred Horse Racing**, Friday, August 23 – Sunday, August 25 and Friday, August 30 – Monday, September 2. Post Time: 1 PM. Also enjoy Simulcast Horse Racing daily in the Grandstand and OTB.

Participate in **agriculture education activities at the U-Learn Agriculture Education Zone, The Birthing Center, Horseland, Nature Play Space, UME Master Gardener Learning Garden** and more at various times throughout the Fair.

Admission to the Fair is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors (62 and older) and \$5 for children (6-11). Children five-years-old and younger are admitted free. Rides are individually priced. Free Admission to Grandstand for Thoroughbred Races and OTB Only at Timonium Road Gate. Limited parking on the Fairgrounds is available on a first-come, first-served basis for \$10. Taking the **Light Rail** is recommended. Visit www.marylandstatefair.com.

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