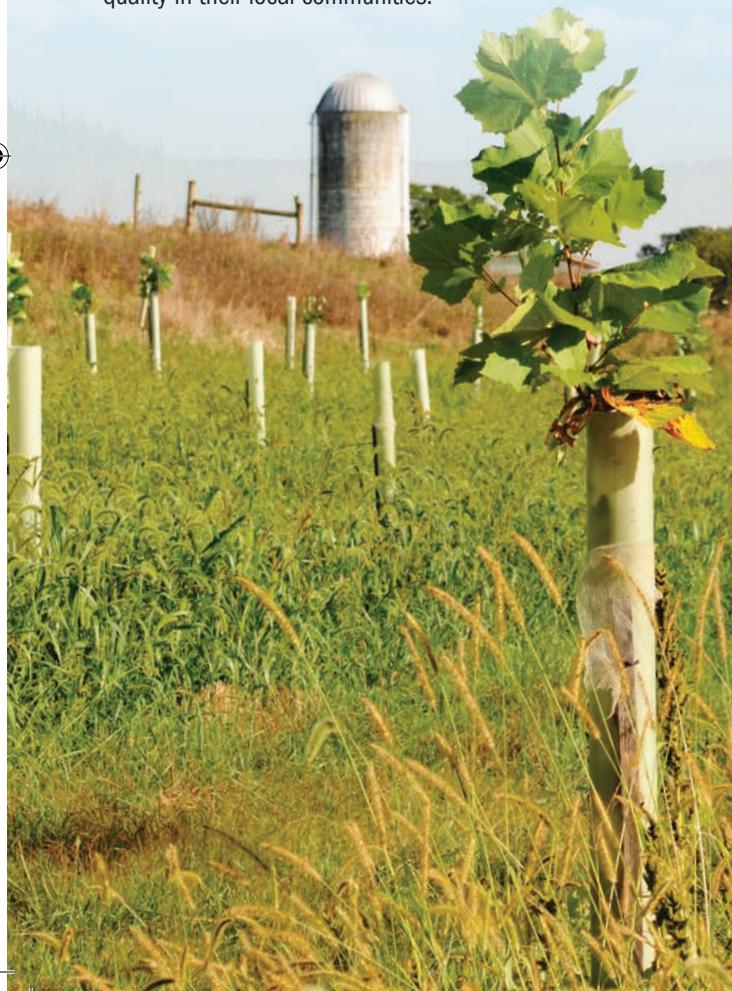




About CBF Education

For nearly 50 years, CBF's Education Department has been taking students outside to explore their local rivers and streams and the Chesapeake Bay. Each year, more than 30,000 students and teachers participate in our hands-on courses, which support student achievement through issues-based investigation.

CBF's Student Leadership program offers students opportunities to expand their knowledge of Bay issues, improve their planning skills, focus on team building, and learn how to lead others to take action to improve water quality in their local communities.



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Mentors in Agricultural Conservation (MAC)

is a CBF job-shadowing program for student leaders in Pennsylvania that pairs FFA/4H students with CBF's restoration specialists. The restoration specialists partner with farmers, helping them implement soil- and water-conservation strategies that ensure a healthy, profitable farm for generations to come. MAC students work alongside the specialist and the farmer while gaining real-life experience for a career in agricultural conservation.

After their field experience, students meet with college career advisors to learn more about the academic path to becoming an agricultural conservation specialist. The program culminates with a 5-day trip to the Chesapeake Bay, where students study how farmland is part of the Chesapeake Bay watershed and the Bay.



Curriculum

The program begins with a CBF student leadership coordinator visiting the student's school and discussing agricultural conservation and how CBF's restoration specialists work with farmers.

Once students have made the decision to participate in the program, they visit a working farm in their region alongside a CBF field restoration specialist. During their visit, students may participate in restoration work and riparian buffer zone reviews, review best management practices, and talk with farmers about the conservation projects on their farms.

Students who continue to show an interest in agricultural conservation as a career path will have the opportunity to meet and discuss their transition from high school to college with career specialists from local colleges.

As a final culminating experience, students who continue to show an interest in agricultural conservation will participate in an overnight education program along the Bay.

How to Sign Up

Interested students should talk directly to their agriculture teachers or FFA/4H advisors. Teachers interested in the program can receive the enrollment forms for students from the Pennsylvania Student Leadership Coordinator at SLCoordinator@cbf.org.