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## ***Handout 3: Opportunities***

- Southern Appalachian Volunteer Environmental Monitoring (SAVEM)**  
**Mission:** Help save our biological treasures! SAMAB is training volunteers from around the southern Appalachian area to monitor ecological health in their community. The volunteers are involved in hands-on invasive exotic plant and water quality surveys. Resulting data are used to determine the best approaches for effective management as well as improve public awareness of the threats. If you are interested in volunteering for SAMAB's SAVEM Program, contact Andy Brown, the program coordinator, at [andy@equinoxenvironmental.com](mailto:andy@equinoxenvironmental.com)
- The Asheville Weed Team**  
**Mission:** The Asheville Weed Team's primary goal is to take action to control invasive exotic plants in the Asheville area. It is a diverse group of volunteers who conduct invasive plant control efforts at various locations on both public and private land. This group is augmented by funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's "Pulling Together Initiative." The group has been coordinating field projects, providing training to volunteers, and providing materials for training, education, and field work. Participants are from the nursery industry, volunteer organizations, universities, general citizenry, environmental organizations, and state and federal agencies. If you have any questions, news, or information on invasive plants, please contact Jack Ranney ([jwranney@utk.edu](mailto:jwranney@utk.edu) or 865-974-3938).
- Appalachian Highlands Science Learning Center at Purchase Knob**  
P.O. Box 357, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745-0357  
**Mission:** The purpose of the Appalachian Highlands Science Learning Center at Purchase Knob is to integrate educational opportunities for students and teachers into the substantial research that occurs at Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Blue Ridge Parkway.  
Contact Information: Phone: 828-926-6251 Fax: 828-452-0767, Email: [Susan\\_Sachs@nps.gov](mailto:Susan_Sachs@nps.gov), online at [www.nps.gov/grsm/pksite/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grsm/pksite/index.htm)
- Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont**  
Great Smoky Mountains National Park, 9275 Tremont Road • Townsend, TN 37882  
**Program/Site Features:** The Great Smoky Mountains National Park is our classroom. In this classroom, visitors gain a better appreciation not only of the Park, but also of their world in general and their responsibility toward it. Natural historians and educators may attend weekend or weeklong educational workshops. School groups may attend a 3- or 5-day residential program to investigate nature via their own custom-made schedule. Adventure Camp and Discovery Camp are summer programs that provide outdoor experiences for young campers. Specialty workshops include Photography, Bird Identification, Geology or Environmental Education and the Arts, and Adult Backpacking programs occur throughout the year.  
Contact information: Jennifer Arnold, School Program Director  
Phone: 865-448-6709 • Fax: 865-448-9250, E-mail: [mail@gsmmit.org](mailto:mail@gsmmit.org), online at [www.gsmmit.org](http://www.gsmmit.org)

5. **Clemmons Educational State Forest**  
2411 Old US 70 West, Clayton, NC 27520  
Program/Site Features: Clemmons Educational State Forest offers 20 Ranger conducted classes on topics relating to the ecology of managed forests (contact office for a program guide), Project Learning Tree Workshops and Investigating Your Environment Workshops (for teachers, natural resource professionals, scout leaders, etc.).  
Contact Information: Phone: 919-553-5651 Fax: 919-550-8050, Email: clemmons esf@mindspring.com, online at <<http://www.dfr.state.nc.us/education/esf.htm>>
  
6. **North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences**  
11 West Jones Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-1029  
Video Available: *Plant It and They Will Come...Using Native Trees and Shrubs to Attract Wildlife*. A joint effort between the Museum and Pettigrew State Park, this publication is designed to provide information about our native species of trees and shrubs that have value for attracting wildlife. Over 30 species of woody plants are discussed with information on how to propagate them and where best to plant them. For each plant, teaching tidbits for educators are included. It provides valuable information for those wishing to enhance their grounds as both a place for wildlife and for learning. Cost: \$7.00.  
Contact: Mike Dunn, Coordinator of Teacher Education, Phone: 919 - 733-7450 ext. 620, online at <<http://www.naturalsciences.org>>
  
7. **Southeast Exotic Plant Management Team**  
In order to manage invasive plants on National Park lands, 17 Exotic Plant Management Teams (EPMTs) have been formed across the country. The Southeast team is based at the Blue Ridge Parkway. For information visit  
<<http://www.nature.nps.gov/biology/invasivespecies/>> or  
<[http://www.nature.nps.gov/biology/invasivespecies/presentations/SE\\_EPMT.pdf](http://www.nature.nps.gov/biology/invasivespecies/presentations/SE_EPMT.pdf)>  
National Park Service Biological Resource Management Division