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**MidAtlantic Treasure Hunt**

Join your fellow Family Nature Summiteers in a search for treasures along the Brandywine River Valley

This adventure will begin in PA with a [canoe trip down the Brandywine River](#) and finish with a [hike in Delaware at Brandywine Creek State Park](#).

Along the way, search for treasures of all types; nationally-known works of art, priceless natural beauty, and trinkets hidden in geo-caches.

Pre-registration is required in order to reserve canoes. Email Jeff Hanlon at: [psb256@live.com](mailto:psb256@live.com) to reserve your spot.

**Earth Day. Every Day.**

Celebrate this wonderful planet we call "home."

Earth Day is here, and you can join in the fun with a great Earth Day event or project.

Here are a few highlights:

Arts for the Earth: [Let your creative spirit soar!](#)

Women and the Green Economy: See [how women are shaping a happier, healthier world](#).

A Billion Acts of Green: [Pledge your Earth-friendly act today!](#)

**Closing Quote**

"Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!"

~Rayin Williams  
"Let's party!"

~ Robin Williams

**Welcome, Spring!**

Spring means it's time to get outside and explore!

*Not Coming to the Summit this Year?* Keep reading for great ideas for celebrating nature. Highlights include an [upcoming Regional Event](#) and [Earth Day ideas](#).

*Coming to the Summit in the Ozarks?* Check out the information on [Rental Discounts](#) and [Shuttles](#).

**Friendly Reminder**

Attention Summiteers who opted to pay using the installment plan: please remember that your final payment is due May 1st.

If you have an outstanding balance, the Summit office will be in contact with you shortly regarding the amount owing and payment options. Thank you!

**Sharing Time, Making Dollars**

Time Banks, where people trade skills, are all the rage.

Athens and Akron. Madera and Milwaukee. Time Banks are everywhere. You haven't heard of "Time Banks"?

Time Banks are a new way that communities are formalizing bartering, trading, and the

exchange of time, energy, and skills.

Everyone needs some service or good. Every member of a community has something to contribute. Time Banks help people realize their own skills and needs, and match them with other community members. The idea is to [connect to community in a meaningful way](#).

At its most basic level, Time Banking is simply about spending an hour doing something for somebody in your community.

That hour goes into the "Time Bank" as a "Time Dollar." Then you have a Time Dollar to spend on having someone doing something for you.

It's a simple idea, but it has powerful ripple effects in building community connections. Learn how to [participate in your community Time Bank](#).

**Let's GO!**



Spring has sprung, and everyone is ready to get outside. Join in on some April fun with a "Let's GO" event.

The goal of Let's G.O. is to bring together intergenerational groups of people to get outside together to be active, have fun and connect with nature.

[Find a fun, outdoors April event near you](#), or put together your own event in the natural world.

**Round, Round, Get Around**

Travelling to the Summit by plane or train? You might need an automobile for the last leg of your journey. Here's some [helpful information about transportation for the Summits](#).

**Rentals**



We are pleased to announce a Enterprise Rent a Car Discount again this year. We hope this helps make rental vehicles a little more enjoyable.

Customer number for booking reservations: L30C159. The Pin code for online booking is: FAM

Visit Enterprise's website to [rent a vehicle with the FNS discount](#). Just follow these steps:

1. Insert your rental information as usual (Location, [discount](#)). Just follow these steps:

1. Insert your rental information as usual (Location, Date/Time, Type of Vehicle).
2. Insert the Customer number (L30C159) into the box identified as: Optional: Coupon, Customer or Corporate Number and press "Search."
3. When prompted, insert the the Corporate Account Sign (FAM) in the box.

**Shuttles**



We are happy to offer a basic Shuttle Service between the St. Louis Airport and the YMCA.

Simply [send us your itinerary \(logistics@familysummits.org\)](#) and we will attempt to place you in a rental van that will be picked up at the airport.

If you can't send you itinerary, please provide the following:

Name	# in Party - indicate those under 18
Date of arrival	Flight # and airline name
Time of arrival	Email address

We appreciate a donation of \$20 each way per adult and \$10 each way per summiteer under 18 years old. This helps us offset the extra cost of renting vehicles at the airport.

Happy travel planning, and a very special "Thank You!" to all of the folks who make Transportation happen before, during, and after the Summits, especially Carl Brown.