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### Helping, with Style

Summiteers are known for their generous spirit. We're also known for being awfully stylish.

You might be interested to know about a neat organization that is [helping combine style and giving](#): Toms.

In 2006, American traveler Blake Mycoskie befriended children in Argentina and found they had no shoes to protect their feet.

Soil transmitted diseases, which penetrate skin through bare feet, are a leading cause of illness in developing countries. Shoes help prevent these diseases as well as injuries.

Toms aims to share shoes: [customers buy a pair of stylish shoes and the company gives another pair to children in need](#).

Now that's a neat treat for the feet.

### Closing Quote

"Behold, my friends, the spring is come; the earth has gladly received the embraces of the sun, and we shall soon see the results of their love!"

~ Sitting Bull

## Craig Tufts Scholarship Reminder



Do you know someone between eight and eighteen who would love to learn, discover, and grow at this year's Summit?

Encourage them to apply for the Craig Tufts Scholarship Award for the 2011 Summit.

The award includes room, board, and program fees for the award winner and an accompanying parent or guardian.

Applications are due March 31st, so [encourage kids to apply for the scholarship today!](#)

## Getting Outside This Spring



Ready for some new ideas for getting outside? Try these out...

### Week of March 22: World Water Day (Belated!)

Protect this precious resource, celebrate its wonders, and [find out where your water comes from](#).

### Any Day: Birding

Get outside to enjoy the Spring [bird migration](#) with some tips for beginning birders and resources for the veterans.

### Rainy Day: Cap-erpillars

April showers bring May flowers. Try this [fun, eco-friendly craft](#) on the next rainy day.

### April 22: Earth Day

Pledge to help the world reach "[A Billion Acts of Green](#)" this Earth Day. Look to [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org) for ideas for Earthlings of all ages.

### Any Day: A Springtime Scavenger Hunt

Listen for singing birds, feel for creepy crawly bugs, look for blossoms on the trees.

### April 29: Arbor Day

[Celebrate trees](#) with plantings, parties, and more. Learn more about trees in your neck of the woods, and how you can participate in this festive day.

## Upcoming MidAtlantic Regional Event

### [Treasures of Brandywine Valley](#): Sunday, May 22, 2011



Join your fellow Family Nature Summiteers in a search for treasures along the Brandywine River Valley. This adventure will begin in Pennsylvania with a [canoe trip down the Brandywine River](#) and finish with a [hike in Delaware at](#)

[Brandywine Creek State Park](#). Along the way we will search for treasures of all types; nationally-known works of art, priceless natural beauty, and trinkets hidden in geo-caches. Something for everyone!

Prior to launching the canoes we will have the opportunity to visit the Brandywine River Museum. This museum houses a [premier collection of American Art](#) featuring works by Pyle, Schoonover, Remington, and the Wyeth family. For those not wishing to view these treasures the grounds of the museum feature a native wildflower garden.

After visiting the museum, we will launch the canoes and follow the gentle current while searching for signs of spring. The river will take us into Delaware and we will then exercise our hiking muscles for a short hike depending on the wishes of the group (2-3 miles of easy terrain according to FNS standards.) While hiking we may try to locate a few of the several geo-caches that are part of the Delaware Geocaching Trail.

### Details

Cost - \$55 per canoe (2 persons per canoe = \$27.50 each)  
All paddling equipment will be provided.  
Singles will be paired with another.  
Bring a bag lunch.

Additional information about this [incredible regional event](#), including meeting location and time, driving directions, recommended items to bring, etc. will be emailed to participants prior to the trip.

Pre-registration is required in order to reserve canoes.

Email Jeff Hanlon at: [psb256@live.com](mailto:psb256@live.com) to reserve your spot.