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Adkins Arboretum Hosts Eighth Annual Race to Celebrate Arbor Day

Runners, walkers, families and nature enthusiasts are invited to enjoy emerging signs of spring

when Adkins Arboretum hosts its eighth annual Arbor Day Run Sat., April 6.

The event features a 5K Run, a One-Mile Family Fun Run/Walk and a 100-yard dash for kids. Participants will catch glimpses of spring as they run the cross-country trail plotted along the Arboretum's network of scenic forest and meadow paths. Registration begins at 8 a.m., with the Kids' Dash at 8:45 a.m. The 5K Run and Family Fun Run/Walk commence at 9 a.m.

"Green" prizes will be awarded and refreshments provided. 5K participants will receive sweetbay magnolia saplings in honor of Arbor Day. For fee information and to register, visit adkinsarboretum.org, call 410-634-2847, ext. 0 or email info@adkinsarboretum.org.



Sixteen-year-old Colin Quinn of Centreville makes tracks at Adkins Arboretum's 2012 Arbor Day Run. The eighth annual Arbor Day Run is Sat., April 6.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for this event. To sponsor the Arbor Day Run, contact Kate Rattie at 410-634-2847, ext. 33 or krattie@adkinsarboretum.org.

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Adkins Arboretum is a 400-acre native garden and preserve at the headwaters of the Tuckahoe Creek in Caroline County. Open year round, the Arboretum offers educational programs for all ages about nature and gardening. Through its <u>Campaign to Build a Green Legacy</u>, it will build the <u>W. Flaccus and Ruth B. Stifel Center at Adkins Arboretum</u> and a "green" entranceway to broaden educational offerings and research initiatives promoting best practices in conservation and land stewardship. For additional information about Arboretum programs, visit <u>www.adkinsarboretum.org</u> or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.