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## Bachman Valley QDMA Educational Branch of the Year



BOGART, GEORGIA- The Bachman Valley Branch of Maryland was named QDMA's 2010 Educational Branch of the Year at the Quality Deer Management Association's 10th Annual National Convention held July 9-11 in Louisville, Kentucky.

Although all QDMA Branches are devoted to education and outreach, the commitment of Bachman Valley goes above and beyond. Since its inception, this Branch has consistently ranked among the most active and has now organized and participated in more than 100 deer management events.

In 2009, the Branch has hosted a food plot field day, a free public seminar, a 3-D archery shoot and staffed a display at Bass Pro Shops for two consecutive weekends while promoting "QDMA Month." The Branch also has expertise with Trail Camera Surveys and has involved students from every high school in Carroll County, Maryland, gathering over 1,800 photos in 2009 alone and providing valuable data for Maryland's deer management program. These surveys have resulted in several published newspaper articles including, "Deer Hunting Pressure and QDM", and "Carroll County Students Take Part in 2nd Annual Deer Camera Survey."

A special congratulations goes to E.W. Grimes, President of the Maryland State Chapter and, until recently, the President of the Bachman Valley Branch. He is responsible for the majority of the informational presentations that take place all over Maryland. E.W. constantly looks for new, innovative ways to educate people about the QDMA and managing wildlife and habitat.

"I have had the pleasure of working with E.W. for the past seven years, and during that time he has worked as hard as anyone to promote the QDMA and wise stewardship of our natural resources," said Kip Adams, QDMA's Northern Director of Education and Outreach. "He has a great team at the Bachman Valley Branch and they are very deserving of this prestigious award."

### About QDMA

Founded in 1988, QDMA is a national non-profit wildlife conservation organization with members in all 50 states and Canada, and several foreign countries. Membership is open to anyone interested in the future white-tailed deer, wildlife habitat and our hunting heritage. To learn more about QDMA and why it is the future of deer hunting, call (800) 209-3337 or visit [www.QDMA.com](http://www.QDMA.com).

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