

Earth Day activities plant seeds of awareness

How to learn more about helping the environment

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Looking for a way to help or learn more about the environment? Here are some of the local environment-oriented groups:

■ **Boone County Conservation District, 7600 Appleton Road, Belvidere,** has programs throughout the year. Call 547-7935.

■ **Burpee Museum of Natural History, 813 N. Main St.,** offers programs for all ages throughout the year. The museum is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays. Call 965-3433.

■ **Byron Forest Preserve District and Jarrett Prairie Center, 7993 River Road, Byron,** offer a variety of programs. Call 234-8535.

■ **League of Women Voters of Rockford** explores environmental issues. Call Linda Niemiec at 968-0286 or 395-8619.

■ **Nachusa Grasslands, Lowden Road about 5 miles north of Franklin Grove,** is owned by the Nature Conservancy. The more than 700-acre prairie is being restored by volunteers. Call Carol Merbach at 284-1505 or Ed Pleskovitch at 626-8746.

■ **Natural Land Institute, 320 S. 3rd St.,** is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to protecting the natural heritage resources of wild land and biological diversity. Call 964-6666.

■ **Northern Illinois Botanical Society** administration office, 1220 Rock St., provides educational programs and material on botany and horticulture and with the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District is developing an arboretum and botanic garden at Klehm Forest Preserve, South Main Street and Clifton Avenue. Call 965-8146.

■ **Northern Illinois Ornithological Society** meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month, except July and August, in Burpee Museum of Natural History, 813 N. Main St. Field trips are planned throughout the year on Saturdays. Call Alan Branham at 877-6100.

■ **Prairie People** sponsors guided walks to local prairies and various surveys related to nature preservation. Call 964-6666.

■ **Sand Bluff Bird Banding Station** at Colored Sands Forest Preserve is open during the migration seasons. Call 965-3433.

■ **Severson Dells Environmental Education Center, 8786 Montague Road,** provides programs for all ages throughout the year. The center is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays. Call 335-2915.

■ **Sierra Club — Blackhawk Group** meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month, except July, August and December, in Rockford Park District office, 1400 N. 2nd St. The group has spearheaded the greening of Rockford through the Reforestation Committee. Call Pam Norwood at 963-8673.

■ **Sinnissippi Audubon Society** meets 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month, Burpee Museum of Natural History, South Annex, 737 N. Main St. Call 965-3433.

■ **Winnebago/Rockford Clean and Beautiful, 6602 N. 2nd St., Loves Park,** promotes beautification projects and litter prevention and operates a recycling drop-off center from 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays on the site, on the U.S. 251 frontage road just north of McCurry Road. Call 637-1343.

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Here is a list of activities that pay tribute to the Earth.

Today

■ Earth Watch opens its Parade of Preserves series with a look at Kieselberg Forest Preserve, 5801 Swanson Road, Roscoe. The walk, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., begins at the Black Willow Spring shelterhouse.

■ Burpee Museum of Natural History plans a program on habitat destruction at 7 p.m. in the museum's Mahlborg Auditorium, 737 N. Main St. Aviculturist Ann Burke of the International Crane Foundation will speak on efforts to save the whooping crane. Cost is \$1 for Burpee members in the Rockford Natural History Association; \$2 for non-members. Call 965-3433.

Saturday

■ Volunteers will plant trees at 10:30 a.m. near the Auburn Street Bridge-Whitman Street interchange. This is a Reforestation Committee effort. Call 226-8202 to volunteer.

■ Sierra Club and the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service sponsor a benefit Portrait of Wildlife: A Visual and Musical Journey from Yellowstone to Alaska at 3 p.m. at Severson Dells Environmental Education Center, 8786 Montague Road. The slide show and reception features Rockford native David Olson, a professional freelance wildlife and landscape photographer. \$10, \$20 for a family. Proceeds will go to the More Trees Please planting project. For information, call Ann Marie Kurtin at 226-8202. Donations also can be sent to: Diane Fagen, Sierra Club treasurer, P.O. Box 15005, Loves Park, IL 61132.

■ Winnebago/Rockford Clean and Beautiful will distribute information on composting and yard waste reduction during the daffodil show at North Towne Mall. The event continues Sunday.

Sunday

■ Sierra Club, Blackhawk Group, plans a family outing in honor of John Muir's birthday at White Pines State Park. Carpool from Rockford Park District administration building, 1400 N. 2nd St., at 9 a.m. or meet at White

Pines lodge at 10 a.m. A pancake breakfast will be followed by hiking. For reservations, call Tammy Scott at 963-7849.

■ Severson Dells Environmental Education Center plans a Celebrate Island Earth program at 3:30 p.m. Call 335-2915 for reservations.

Thursday, April 29

■ Earth Watch's Parade of Preserves continues at Klehm Forest Preserve, 2715 S. Main St. Meet at the site building at 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 1

■ Earth Watch's Parade of Preserves goes to Colored Sands, Spotted-Alder Swamp and Sugar River forest preserves. Tour begins at 8 a.m. at Colored Sands, 1160 Haas Road, Durand. Participants should take a sack lunch.

■ Discovery Center, 711 N. Main St., plans a May Bonnets program from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for children 7 to 9. \$10, \$9 for members. Call 963-6769.

■ Discovery Center, 711 N. Main St., plans a Let's Go Fly a Kite program from noon to 1:30 p.m. for children 10 and older. \$8, \$7 for members.

Tuesday, May 4

■ Earth Watch's Parade of Preserves is at Pecatonica River Forest Preserve, 11260 Brick School Road, Pecatonica, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Meet at the picnic area shelterhouse.

Sunday, May 9

■ Severson Dells Forest Preserve is the site of Earth Watch's Parade of Preserves from 2:30 to 4

p.m. The tour begins at the education center.

Wednesday, May 12

■ Earth Watch's Parade of Preserves is at Kishwaukee George North, Blackhawk Road at I-39. Meet at 6 p.m. at the picnic area. Hiking is moderate to difficult.

Saturday, May 15

■ Cross Current plans Earth-beat '93, a daylong cleanup project

of creeks, roadways and parks. For information, call 877-8000.

Wednesday, May 19

■ Earth Watch's Parade of Preserves is at Seward Bluffs Forest Preserve, Comly Road, Seward. Meet at the front entrance at 6 p.m.

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Everything you need to know if you're going to Farm Aid VI

Gannett News Service

Everything you need to know about getting into and out of Ames, Iowa, alive Saturday:

First, check for alternate routes coming into and leaving Ames. A few possible suggestions: U.S. Highway 69 through Huxley, 13th St. to I-35 via Lincoln Way and Grand, South Dakota Avenue through Slater, or Elwood or Duff avenues to U.S. 30. The road less traveled is the one you want. From Rockford, go west on U.S. 20 to I-35 south. I-35 goes right to Ames.

Parking is free and there is plenty of it. The lots open at 8 a.m. All parking spaces just north of the stadium, except lots B-6 and C-6, are open. Also available: lots S-4 and S-5 on the southeast side, the grassy area west of the stadium, the parking lots at the College of Veterinary Medicine and the intramural playing field parking lots east of the stadium.

People with handicapped parking needs will be directed to the first two rows of lots B-6 and C-6 just north of the stadium.

Buses, recreational vehicles and limousines will go to the grassy area between lots S-4 and 5 and Elwood Drive.

Tickets, which are \$27.50, will be available the day of the show starting at 8 a.m. in the Olsen Building north of the stadium. If you're picking up will-call tickets, there will be a ticket trailer outside the Olsen Building. You can also get tickets in advance through the Iowa State Center box office at Stephens Auditorium or Ticketmaster outlets.

Stuff you CAN'T take in: bottles, cans, video cameras, recording equipment, coolers, umbrellas, backpacks or any sort of container.

Stuff you CAN take in: a jacket, raincoat, sweater or combination thereof. The show will go on rain or shine. Cameras are OK, unless your idea of a camera includes an arm-long lens and a motor drive.

Stadium gates open at 10 a.m. Once you're in, you're in. And once you're out, you're out. The only way back inside after you've left the stadium is to purchase another ticket.

The show starts at noon and is supposed to wind down around 11 p.m.

Scheduled performers

- Willie Nelson
- Neil Young
- John Mellencamp
- Bryan Adams
- Bruce Hornsby
- Bonnie Raitt
- Lyle Lovett
- Alice in Chains
- Dwight Yoakam
- Arlo Guthrie
- Marty Stuart
- Don Was with Ringo Starr and Jonelle Moser
- Charlie Daniels Band
- Ricky Van Shelton
- John Conlee
- Highwaymen
- Shai
- Drivin-N-Cryin
- Kentucky Headhunters
- Delbert McClinton
- Merle Haggard and the Strangers
- Pipefitters with Lou Diamond Phillips
- Dennis Alley's Wisdom
- Indian Dancers
- Asleep at the Wheel
- Sawyer Brown
- Black 47
- Little Joe y la Familia
- Zaca Creek
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- Martina McBride
- David Amram
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Alive (R) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
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