

Earth Month Recap

Be sure to watch the video on www.earthmonthmc.org

Congratulations to Mid-Columbia Earth Month Kids Contest Winners!



First Place

Essay

Keeping It Green, by Katelyn Dirham

Cascade Elementary, Kennewick

Let's Go Green, by Naveena Bontha

Enterprise Middle W. Richland

Video

Richland Fought the Battle of Trash, by Lucy Allen

Lewis & Clark, Richland

Pasco's Totally Awesome Earth Cleaners

by Meg Nelson, Logan Jackson, Kali Saueressig

Ruth Livingston, Pasco

Honorable Mention

Essay

Reduce, Reuse & Recycle, by Micah Bunch

Cascade Elementary, Kennewick

How to Help During Earth Month & Always

by Sabrah Mitchell,

Cascade Elementary, Kennewick

Video

Earth Day, by Elizabeth Piper

Cascade Elementary, Kennewick

Special Recognition

Environmental Stewardship, Jennifer Gonzales, Teacher

Cascade Elementary, Kennewick



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2011 Results

(Submitted by program/project chairs)

- On Saturday, April 9, about **18** neighbors and trail users helped clean up litter and brush along the trail section between Venus Circle and Leslie Road. **In 6 hours, volunteers filled a 30-yard dumpster.** Thanks to Ali Bram and Jennifer Ricci for coordinating this project.
- **In the three kite making classes** held in the beginning of April, 86 families were involved – working with their kids to make their kites.
- The film, **Truck Farm** was shown at the Richland Library on April 9 to **about 25 attendees.**
- The **Kite Festival at Marina Park** was a great success. Flyers from as far as Hermiston participated. Kites came in a variety of colors and style, like an airplane, bird, octopus and lady bug. Despite a strong wind, everyone who came was able to fly their kites. One person brought four foot long sections of bamboo as a frame and built his "heavy wind" kite there at the park. He flew it successfully!
- The **organic garden tour at Kadlec Hospital** was from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 16. Visitors throughout the day learned about the garden, and received pansies, sunflowers and refreshments.
- **AREVA and Energy Northwest employees** worked together to clean up a private lot around Kentucky Fried Chicken and Subway in south Richland.
- The **Earth Day events at Chiawana High School** were a success! About 400 attended at least 3 stations. A variety of 15 educational programs were presented every 20-minutes for over five hours!
- 68 kids and 37 adults (**105 total**) participated in the **Richland Library's Wiggle Worm Story** time.
- **40 participants** completed their Earth Day crafty project at the **Mid-Columbia Library, Pasco Branch.**
- About **40 people participated** in the April 23 **Cache In Trash Out (CITO)** event at W.E. Johnson Park. They **hailed out more than 30 tires and several bags of trash, as well as barrels and household materials.** REI co-sponsored the event with Richland Parks & Recreation.
- **Ten participants saw 24 species** of birds during the **"Second Annual Bird Walk"** held by the Audubon Society on April 30, along the Port of Pasco and riverside trail.
- The **LDS Hillview Ward** members rallied and cleaned up the **Keene Road Trail.**
- On April 21, **employees from AREVA cleaned up roadways** around their facility on Horn Rapids Road, including Stevens Drive to Kingsgate Way, Kingsgate Way to Battelle Boulevard and then south.
- **Pacific Northwest National Laboratory** shared their environmental knowledge with **507** of their employees children's during the National "Take Your Kids to Work Day" on April 29. Kids learned about greenhouse gas emissions, composting and EMSL's new solar array installation. Kids and their parents attended PNNL's first sustainability fair during the lunch hour.
- The **Atomic Duck Dive Club** cleaned up the **river, shoreline and causeway of Bateman Island** on April 30.



2011 Earthy Activities



- Now - Apr 11 Earth Month essay or video contest underway! Visit the website for more info!
- Now - Apr 15 Aluminum Can Drive for participating schools; drop off cans at Pacific Recycling or Basin Recycling
- Now Donate unwanted converse shoes for Edith Bishel Fundraiser, call Cynthia, 735-0699
- April 1-30 Spring Cleanup & Beautification Projects, See earthmonthmc.org, link to Volunteer Opportunities
- April 2 Bateman Island Bird Walk, meet at Wye Park at 8am, bring binoculars. Questions? Call 943-2244
- April 2 Ice Harbor Dam Open House, 9am-3pm, 2763 Monument Drive, Burbank, 547-2048
- April 2 Volunteer "Make the Park Shine" Day at Sacajawea Park, 9am, 2503 Sacajawea Park Rd, Pasco, 545-2361
- April 2 Volunteer Day at Chamna Natural Preserve, 9am to 1pm, RSVP at www.tapteal.org or 627-3621
- April 2 Family film/documentary, "Ghost Bird" Grail Bird - Extinct or is it? Battelle auditorium, 3pm
- April 4 Geocaching 101, class #4208, Richland Comm. Center, 10am-12pm, \$5/family, register at 942-7529
- April 5 Kite making and flying, 10am, CREHST Museum, Richland, register at 943-9000
- April 5 Geocache Hike, S. Columbia Point, class #4381, 1-2 miles, 10am-11:30am, register at 942-7529
- April 5 Kids Earth Month Storytime, 10am every Tuesday, Richland Public Library, 955 Northgate Drive
- April 6 Kite making & flying, 10am, Richland Community Center, 500 Amon Park Drive, register at 942-7529
- April 6 Geocache Hike, Yakima Delta, class #4383, 10am-11:30am, register at 942-7529
- April 7 Geocache Hike, Amon Basin Preserve, class #4384, 10am-11:30am, register at 942-7529
- April 7 The Future of Astronomy, presentation at 7pm, Kenn. Library, 1620 S. Union St.
- April 8 Geocache Hike, Badger Mountain, class #4385, 10am-11:30am, register at 942-7529
- April 8 Kite Making, 10am, Kennewick location to be announced, preregister by calling 222-5080
- April 9 S. Richland trail clean up, 9am, meet at trail terminus on Leslie, work east, clnurtrail@netzero.net
- April 9 Cleanup volunteer project, McNary National Wildlife Refuge, 9am to noon, call Jaynee #546-8300
- April 9 Movie about a truck bed becoming a traveling farm, www.truck-farm.com, 2:30pm, Rich. Library, \$3
- April 10 Tri-City Kite Festival, noon, Columbia Point Marina Park, all kite fliers welcome!
- April 10-16 Environmental Education Week, register to participate or join network of schools at www.eeweek.org
- April 12 Volunteer Training for those interested in Nat'l Wildlife Refuge System, 9am-2:30, RSVP 546-8346
- April 12 Kids Earth Month Storytime with Park Ranger Jen, 10am, Richland Public Library
- April 14 Solar Installation, Udder View Dairy Farm, 11am, 31 Robinson Rd, Grandview, CBC students install.
- April 15&16 Children's consignment sale, Columbia Comm. Church, 150 Gage Blvd, www.ccckidssale.weebly.com
- April 16 Fun Run/Walks in Howard Amon Park – 2 great causes – see www.3rrr.org
- April 16 Shred documents free! 2 file boxes, Target parking lot, Kenn., 10am to 2pm, CI Shred 586-6090
- April 16 Wildlife Rehabilitation Seminar, 9am - 4pm, Pendleton Oregon, www.bluemountainwildlife.org
- April 16 Tour Kadlec Medical Center's organic garden, 10am-2pm, 888 Swift Blvd, volunteers will lead tours
- April 16&17 Gem & Mineral Show, Benton County fairgrounds, 10am-5pm, (4pm on Sun.) 1500 S. Oak St., Kenn
- April 17 Spring Fever Run, 1 mile and 5K, benefitting Jason Lee after school program, see www.3rrr.org
- April 17 GreenSkate Richland 2011, noon, Mad Monkey Board Shop, 245 Symons St. www.mmboardshop.com
- April 19 Kids Earth Month Storytime, 10am every Tuesday, Richland Public Library
- April 20 Crochet using plastic bags, need supply list, Rich. Comm. Cntr #4567, 12:30-3pm, RSVP #942-7529
- April 22 National Earth Day – Watch for local contest winner announcement or visit www.earthmonthmc.org!
- April 23 Blue Mountain Wildlife Fundraiser, view BMW education birds, 1-3pm, Richland Community Center
- April 23 Geocache - Cache In – Trash Out, W.E. Johnson Park, 9am-1pm, more info call 942-7702
- April 23 McMurray Park spring cleanup, 9am-noon, Pike and McMurray St, Richland, call 375-4761
- April 23 Electrathon Car Race & Electric Vehicle Expo, 11am to 2pm Col. Basin College, NW parking lot, Pasco
- April 24 Earth Exploration Education & Experience, 8-noon, kids fishing prg, Hood Park Nature Trail, 543-6062
- April 25-26 10am to 3pm, Student's Sustainability Expo inside Gjerde Center, Columbia Basin College, Pasco
- April 26-28 Columbia Basin Landscapes Workshop, registration required, visit www.friendsofmcrwr.org
- April 26 Kids Earth Month Wiggle Worm Storytime, 10am, Richland Public Library, 955 Northgate Drive
- April 26 Crochet using plastic bags, need supply list, Rich. Comm. Cntr #4566, 6pm-8pm, RSVP #942-7529
- April 28 Pacific Northwest National Laboratory celebrates Earth Day with Take Your Child to Work Day!
- April 30 Benton County Tire Collection Event, 7am-3pm, 4951 W. Van Giesen, W. Richland, call 967-2414
- April 30 West Richland Community Cleanup, 8am to 3pm, Enterprise Middle School, West Richland
- April 30 Benton County Household Haz. Waste Collection, Enterprise Middle School, W. Richland, 736-3084 x5682
- April 30 Atomic Ducks Dive Club Earth Month River Cleanup Day, call Jon 375-1375, www.ducksdiveclub.org
- April 30 Bird Walk, meet at Osprey Point parking lot, E. Pasco, led by Audubon, 8am-10am, call 947-4074
- April 30 Wildflower Hike, 9 am, McBee Grade in Benton City, Meet at Park & Ride, I-182 or call 430-4776
- April 30 Spring Plant Sale, 9am-2pm, Kenn. Library on Union St., Master Gardeners selling a variety of plants
- April 30 Composting & Waste Reduction Workshop, 9:30am, Kenn. Grange Hall on Union St., RSVP#735-3551
- May 7 March of Dimes Walk for Babies, Col. Park, 6 miles, info at www.marchofdimes.com/washington
- May 7 Habitat for Humanity Walk, 1 mile or 5k, begins at 309 Wellsian Way, Rich., www.habitatbuilds.com
- May 14 Wildlands Walk, Amon Basin, Richland, 9am-1pm, www.tapteal.org