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ANN ARBOR'S EARTH DAY FESTIVAL IS SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2015, AT THE LESLIE SCIENCE & NATURE CENTER

ANN ARBOR, Mich., March 10, 2015 — The Ann Arbor Earth Day Festival Planning Committee invites the public to celebrate our natural world at the annual Earth Day Festival on Sunday, April 19, from noon to 4 p.m. at Leslie Science & Nature Center located at 1831 Traver Road in Ann Arbor. This free, family-friendly event features displays from 40 local environmental, non-profit, and governmental organizations; live animal demonstrations; hands-on activities; live entertainment; crafts; green building and commuting solutions; energy topics; water awareness; recycling topics; sustainable agriculture; and much more.

The Earth Day Festival will be full of entertainment and engaging activities for visitors of all ages including:

- Award-winning children's songs and storytelling from Ann Arbor's own Gemini at 12:30 p.m.
- A performance by local singer, songwriter, and educator Joe Reilly at 2:30 p.m.
- All-species Parade, where children are encouraged to wear a costume celebrating a living natural species on our planet and prance, preen, or frolic as they parade throughout the festival site.
- Live animal experiences with Leslie Science & Nature Center's amphibians, reptiles, and birds of prey.
- Naturalist-led hikes through Black Pond Woods.
- Tours of Project Grow's Discovery Garden and Compost Education Center onsite.

Delicious on-site concessions and refreshments will be available for purchase from vendors including Pilar's Tamales, Silvio's Organic Pizza, and the Ypsilanti Food Co-Op.

In the true spirit of Earth Day, this festival will be a zero-waste event with the help of Recycle Ann Arbor. Visitors can help keep up the average of 90 percent waste diverted from the landfill during the Earth Day event by bringing a reusable water bottle and putting their waste in the proper receptacles.

Parking can also be limited at the event, so visitors are strongly encouraged to "go green" and carpool, bus, bike, or walk to the festival, if any of those options are available.

Ann Arbor's Earth Day Festival is a free event thanks to local donors and sponsors including the ACS – Huron Valley Local Section, City of Ann Arbor, Dollar Bill Copying, Leslie Science & Nature Center, NSF International, Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation, WCC, and Whole Foods.

Additional details and information about the event are available online at www.a2earthday.org. For information about volunteer opportunities available at the event, please email the GIVE 365 program at volunteer@a2gov.org.

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Leslie Science & Nature Center is a nonprofit organization that enables individuals and communities throughout southeast Michigan to establish lifelong connections with the natural world and encourages efforts to support and protect it for future generations. LSNC educates and inspires children and adults to discover, understand and respect their natural environment. Learn more at www.lesliesnc.org.