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Local Earth Day Activities Varied and Plentiful in April

The local observance of the 41st Earth Day is an offering of activities and opportunities. A schedule of events for the entire month of April is available on www.OzarksEnvironment.com. What originally began as a one-day event has now expanded to include all of April, often referred to as "Earth Month."

Festivals, clean-ups, displays, field trips — opportunities to volunteer, contribute, eat and just have fun are included. A few highlights of Earth Month, 2011 include: an e-waste collection, stream clean-ups, plantings, strolls, walks, runs, a light-bulb exchange, green building event, free day at the Discovery Center, Party for the Planet at the Dickerson Park Zoo, pharmaceutical take-back events, and many, many other activities for all ages, abilities and interests make up the most eventful Earth Day celebration in the Springfield area to date.

Volunteers can pick up trash, plant trees, attend a film premiere, shred paper, enjoy meals at area restaurants to benefit environmental/conservation organizations and cheer on environmental achievers at the Annual Choose Environmental Excellence Awards Luncheon.

The first Earth Day, held on April 22, 1970, activated 20 million Americans from all walks of life and is widely credited with launching the modern environmental movement. The passage of the landmark Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act and many other groundbreaking environmental programs soon followed — all designed to protect the natural environment where we live, work and play.

For complete listings, updated as more information is received, visit:
www.OzarksEnvironment.com.

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