



THIS WEEKEND! Earth Day Community Celebration at the JCC Co-sponsored by Indianapolis Power and Light Company and Citizens Energy Group

Sunday, April 27, 1-4 pm – Free and Open to the Public

April 23, 2014 (INDIANAPOLIS) – The past two years at the Earth Day Community Celebration at the JCC have made for terrific live reporting with great shots of visitors young and old participating in a range of educational, creative and Earth-friendly activities, and has made for terrific banter during newscasts. This year more than 50 exhibitors with hands-on activities, a community mural project, food trucks, live music and artisans selling relevant food and non-perishable items will be at the JCC's **Earth Day Community Celebration**, co-sponsored by Indianapolis Power & Light Company and Citizens Energy Group, this **Sunday, April 27, 1-4 pm.**

As in the past, the JCC's Earth Day Community Celebration is free and open to the public at the **Arthur M. Glick JCC, 6701 Hoover Rd., Indianapolis.** The Earth Day Community Celebration at the JCC is a rain or shine event. In the case of inclement weather, most activities will take place inside the JCC's 160,000-square-foot facility. Ample, free parking will be available.

The public is also invited to drop-off of anything with a power cord between 1 and 4 pm. Our hassle-free, no charge **electronic recycling benefits Wings for West Africa** with Recycle Force to fulfill the mission of providing computers to children in rural areas of West Africa.

Highlights of the day include:

Tree planting: Keep Indianapolis Beautiful returns for the third year with young trees for the beautification of the Max & Mae Simon Jewish Community Campus (where the JCC is located on 40 acres in the midst of a north-side neighborhood). Volunteers are needed to help plant trees from noon until 1 pm. **Volunteers for the tree planting and the Earth Day event in general may register at [Volunteer Registration](#).**

All aspects of gardening: Composting, planting seedlings, constructing a mini greenhouse, hydroponics, raised garden bed construction, making seed tape, how to build a rain barrel, the underworld life of earthworms in your garden and more related activities presented by master gardeners and educators.

Alternative energy sources: Solar, electric, motion dynamics and others. Meet the Purdue Solar Racing team and check out their solar-powered car.

Creative recycling: Make terrariums from plastic bottles; use phonebooks and plastic bags to create a floral bouquet; make dog toys from recycled garments and create music from household and discarded objects. Discover what you can do with unwanted electronics and how you can transform computers and ordinary household items into something usable.

Test yourself: Answer trivia questions posed by our exhibitors and participate in a nature scavenger hunt. Both contests offer "some green" (cash!) for successful completion!

The great outdoors: Observe nature during a guided tour of the woods, identify animal tracks, create a nature journal, test water quality, examine tree rings, and make and fly a kite.

Public art: The public is invited to join Park Tudor teachers and students at the Earth Day Celebration in creating a large-scale colorful mural from recycled vinyl. Also, view Indiana's second annual "Fence Art Festival," sponsored by NUVO. Art by local artists will be displayed on a chain link fence. Nature and the environment are the theme for this one-day, juried exhibit. Know any artists? A few more spots on the fence are available. Write to mepstein@JCCindy.org to participate. More information is at [Fence Art Festival](#).

Eat: Snack on solar-powered popcorn, taste delicious milk by Oberweis Dairy and enjoy eating at some of Indy's most popular food trucks: The NY Slice, Spice Box, Flavor Truck, Mac Genie, Scout's Treat Truck and Pierogi Love Indy.

Shop: Items for sale from artisans committed to using recycled materials: Children's clothing by Martha St. Clair, Recycled painted artwork by Michael Hap Hapner, the "Cornbelt Cowboy," upcycled knitwear by Adena Mimi Rene, recycled paper art by Claudia Ritter and hand-stamped jewelry and hand-screened clothing by Martine Locke.

Earn a badge: Girl Scouts of Central Indiana are offering an official badge to girls who attend the JCC's Earth Day Community Celebration. The event will count toward "It's Your Planet-Love It" journey. Cost for the badge is \$3.

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