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EARTH DAY FESTIVAL 2008 at LESLIE SCIENCE & NATURE CENTER

ANN ARBOR, Mich., March 10, 2008 — Celebrate our natural world at the annual **Earth Day Festival on Sunday, April 27, from noon to 4 p.m.** at the Leslie Science & Nature Center, 1831 Traver Road, Ann Arbor. This free, family-friendly event features displays from local environmental, non-profit, and governmental organizations; live animal demonstrations; hands-on activities; live entertainment; and the newest solar home technology and green building features. Festivities this year return to Leslie Science & Nature Center, a beautiful setting that includes a host of natural areas for visitors to explore. Stop by the registration table and pick up an orientation map and passport to guide you through the Earth Day activities.

At 3 p.m., an All Species Parade will wind through the building and outdoor areas with costumed individuals representing diverse animals and plants. Interested parade participants may bring their own costumes, or may make costume accessories and instruments at The Scrap Box activity table. Free face painting is provided.

The festival entertainment line-up includes “Bubbleman” Ron Lloyd, musician Joe Reilly, Sacred Song members Jeanne Mackey & Dale Petty, and storytelling with Darryl Mickens. The Leslie Science & Nature Center will offer birds of prey orientations throughout the event. Meet these healthy, non-releasable birds up-close and discover what makes them hunters of the sky. Visit Brian Cressman’s reptiles, sponsored by the Hands-On Museum.

Earth Day admission is **FREE*** due to generous sponsorship from Whole Foods Market, The City of Ann Arbor, ann arbor’s 107one, National Wildlife Federation, and Ann Arbor Cohousing, a resident-developed, cooperative neighborhood. Pilar’s Catering and Silvio’s Organic Pizza will sell light concession refreshments.

The Earth Day event has been planned by the following organizations: The Environmental Education Network of Washtenaw (EE-Now), The Leslie Science & Nature Center, National Wildlife Federation, The Clean Energy Coalition, The City of Ann Arbor, The Ecology Center, The Scrap Box, Washtenaw Community College, and The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum.

The annual Earth Day Festival is an experience for youth and their families to enjoy while discovering new ways to make Earth Day every day. Come celebrate with us!

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