

The Guilford Parks and Recreation Department along with the Guilford Agricultural Society are pleased to announce the second annual Earth Day program "Earthfest" on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the Guilford Fairgrounds from 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m. We are excited to educate the public on the subject of sustainable practices. The Department will have information stations for recycling, planting, repurposing, and keeping waterways clean. The program features games, a farmers market, live entertainment, and more.

There will also be a challenge for all to help Clean Up Guilford and fill a dumpster provided by Waste Tech Family Refuse! We encourage individuals, neighborhoods and organizations to get together and clean up a street or park. A Guilford map will be displayed indicating areas that have been cleaned. Currently, you can stop by the Community Center to claim your area or email Jennifer Gott, Program Coordinator at gottj@ci.guilford.ct.us.

Returning to Earthfest are some of last year's favorites, including Curious Creatures with exotic animals to learn about and even hold! The Agricultural Experiment Station will have specimens to look at under microscopes, plants and insects to examine, and a button making press.

New to the event this year is a Farmer's Market, featuring some of Guilford's Dudley Farm Marketers. Vendors from around Connecticut will be selling their sustainable wares, including repurposed goods from Two Sassy Stitchers, all natural skin care from Balmz Away!, wood sculptures from Lee Burkhardt, and felted toys and soaps, along with plants from Martha's Favorites. Buster Scranton will be answering questions about maple sugaring and will have his syrup and popcorn on the cob for sale. Tripledale Farms will be on site with a free petting zoo and donkey rides available for purchase. Half Mile Acres will be selling their humane raised, grass fed beef and eggs.

Children will have a chance to play games, make a Lorax flower pot, climb a rock wall, plant seeds, bounce on inflatables, and more, while learning ways to take care of the environment. The 4H Club will be sharing their expertise with activities for the kids to do.

Cheryl Kling, author of "Nature's Royal Tea Party" will be selling her book and doing readings throughout the event. Sea of No Plastic will be showcasing the Rakefish Project. The Connecticut Foodbank will be showing you how you can become involved in Planting a Row for the foodbank. Guilford Land Trust and Conservation Committees and the Westwood Trails Committee will be on hand to talk to you about our open spaces, trails and trail etiquette. Eversource Energy Resource group will be giving tips on how to save energy in your home.

Beto, of Taqueria Cinco, will be cooking up his burritos and more for purchase at his food truck, and Al Kostuk will be popping up his kettle corn to sell.

"T-Bone" will entertain us, starting at 11:00.

Don't miss this AWESOME event! If it rains, no worries, we will utilize one of the enclosed structures at the Fairgrounds.

And to stay updated join the event on Facebook:
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