

QUAD CITIANS TO CELEBRATE EARTH DAY AT ANNUAL EARTH WEEK FAIR

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The ninth annual Quad Cities Earth Week Fair is Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the QCCA Expo Center, 2621 4th Avenue, Rock Island, IL. The Fair is open to the public and admission is free of charge. The first 200 adults through the door receive a gift certificate for a free train ride at Niabi Zoo. The Fair is a celebration of Earth Day (April 22) and educates attendees on environmental issues and ways they can be better stewards of our local environment.

The 2012 Fair showcases exhibitors from various environmental organizations, businesses and local governments. Booths provide hands-on activities, make and take crafts, green giveaways, and fun environmental education for the whole family.

In addition, the Fair features three special workshops appropriate for adults, children and Boy and Girl Scouts. At 10:30 a.m., John Morgan will present "Get Geocaching," a workshop to teach you how to get started with this real-world outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Attendees of this workshop are entered to win a Magellan GPS unit. At 12:30 p.m., Eddy Weiss will present "What on Earth? Climate Change and Severe Weather Safety," a workshop featuring weather preparedness insights and a challenge to change your world. Attendees of this workshop are entered to win a survival kit. At 2:30 p.m., Stan Bousson, a local photographer, will present "Capturing Moments in Nature," a workshop with tips and tricks on taking award-winning wildlife photographs and interesting local venues for nature photography. Attendees of this workshop are entered to win Barska binoculars with a digital zoom camera inside and a Bousson print of a nesting bald eagle. All workshops will be held in North Hall at the QCCA Expo Center.

The 2012 Earth Week Fair is hosted by the Quad Cities Earth Week Coalition and sponsored by the following: Bi-State Region Clean Air Partnership, City of Moline, iLivehere: myhome ourcommunity®, Keep Moline Beautiful, Quad City Conservation Alliance, Rock Island County Waste Management Agency, Scott County Conservation Board, Waste Commission of Scott County, Allied Waste, Alter Metal Recycling, City Carton Recycling, City of Davenport, Iowa American Water, Living Lands & Waters, Midland Davis, Radish magazine, City of Bettendorf, MidAmerican Energy, Niabi Zoo, City of Silvis and Keep Rock Island Beautiful.

For more information about the Earth Week Fair and the Quad Cities Earth Week Coalition, visit www.qcearthweek.org or call [309-788-5912](tel:309-788-5912).

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