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ADEO Staff to Participate in Host of "Green" Activities in Arizona Surrounding Earth Day 2013 on April 22

PHOENIX (April 5, 2013) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality staff will participate in a host of "green" activities during April leading up to Earth Day on the 22nd including water monitoring events for students, school environmental presentations, free electronic waste recycling events and providing manpower for environmental fair booths throughout the state.

"It's always important, but especially in April, for ADEO to be involved in outreach for environmental stewardship and sustainability," said ADEQ Director Henry Darwin. "Earth Day reminds us all to do what we can to reduce our footprint on the earth."

ADEQ staff will participate in educational activities at these April Earth Month events in Coconino, Gila, Graham, Maricopa, Navajo, Pima, Pinal and Yuma counties:

- April 6, 8 a.m. 1 p.m.: free electronic waste recycling events at five Phoenixarea Whole Foods Markets and two in Tucson
- April 11, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.: ADEO booth at Sixth Annual Arizona Western College Sustainability Fair, main campus, 2020 S. Avenue 8E, between the 3C and AS Buildings, Yuma
- April 13, 8 a.m. 2 p.m.: ADEQ booth at Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Environmental Fair, Two Waters government complex (Building B), 10079 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale
- April 13, 7:30 a.m. noon: free electronic waste recycling event, Carr McNatt Park, 1115 N. Brown Ave., Casa Grande
- April 17, 9 a.m. 1 p.m.: ADEQ booth at Pima Community College Northwest Campus Earth Day event, 7600 N. Shannon, in Tucson
- April 19, 10 a.m. 1 p.m.: ADEQ booth at Earth Day Fair for Mountain Pointe High School students in Phoenix
- April 20, 11:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m.: free electronic waste recycling event, Flagstaff City Hall parking lot, 211 W. Aspen Ave., Flagstaff
- April 20, 10 a.m. 2 p.m.: ADEQ Earth Day booth at Spring Festival, Sequoia Village School, Linden
- April 20, 9 a.m. 1 p.m.: free electronic waste recycling event, Carefree Town Center, near intersection of Tom Darlington and Cave Creek roads
- April 21, 10 a.m. 2 p.m.: ADEO booth at Earth Day celebration, South Rim Visitor Center, Grand Canyon
- April 21, 9 a.m. 2 p.m.: ADEQ booth at 19th Annual Tucson Earth Day Festival with activities for children at Reid Park

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- April 22, 11:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.: ADEQ booth at Earth Day Phoenix 2013 event, Cesar Chavez Plaza in downtown.
- April 24, 10 a.m. 2 p.m.: ADEQ booth at Earth Day and sustainability fair for students faculty, administration and community members at Phoenix College
- April 25, 8 a.m.- 2 p.m.: Earth Day water monitoring event for 275 fifth-grade students from Safford, Solomon and Bonita schools at Discovery Park pond in Safford
- April 26, noon-3 p.m.: ADEQ booth at Tempe High School Earth Day Fair in
- April 27, 9 a.m. 1 p.m.: free electronic waste recycling event, Multi-Event Center, 1400 S. Beeline Highway, Payson
- April 27, 8 a.m. noon: free electronic waste recycling event, Walmart parking lot, 8280 N. Cortaro Road, Marana
- April 27, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.: free electronic waste recycling event, northwest campus parking lot, Estrella Mountain Community College, 3000 N. Dysart Road, Avondale

Other Earth Day and Earth Month events throughout Arizona in April:

Coconino County

April 20, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.: Coconino Rural Environment Corps community services projects throughout greater Flagstaff area

April 20, 11:30 a.m. – 4 p.m: City of Flagstaff Earth Day celebration on the front lawn of City Hall, 211 W. Aspen Ave., Flagstaff

April 20 and 21: Mother Earth Blessing Way 2013, Navajo Nation community of Naataanii, STAR School, 145 Leupp Road

Maricopa County

April 12, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.: Apache Junction Earth Day Celebration, Earth Heart Park, 625 N. Plaza Drive

April 17, 3 p.m.-5 p.m.: Earth Day Craft for children 4-12, Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street

April 17, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.: Arizona Army National Guard Earth Day for all civilian employees, Army and Air Guard employees, Papago Park Military Reservation, 5636 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix

April 19, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.: Chandler Environmental Education Center fourth anniversary celebration, 4050 E Chandler Heights Road, Chandler

April 20, Keep Scottsdale Beautiful citywide litter cleanup; for more information: https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/reinvestment/cab/register

April 20, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Earth Day at the Phoenix Zoo, Party for the Planet

April 20, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.: Mesa Landfill & Recycling Sorting Facility Workshop, Salt River Landfill, Gilbert Road and Beeline Highway

April 20, 7 a.m.-10 a.m : Glendale and Peoria Party for the Planet, New River and Trail Clean Up and Tree Planting, 83rd Avenue, just north of Union Hills Drive

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April 20, 8 a.m.-11 a.m.: Glendale Xeriscape Demonstration Garden event, Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street, RSVP to Joanne Toms at jtoms@glendaleaz.com April 20, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.: Simple Savings Energy Class, Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street. Email <u>bpatrick@glendaleaz.com</u> to register

April 20, 8 a.m.-noon: Recycling dropoff for electronics, appliances, tires, metal and rechargeable batteries, south parking lot of Queen Creek Library, Queen Creek April 24, 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.: Earth Day movie, Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown

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Navajo County

April 13,10 a.m.-noon: Sequoia Village School Earth Day Trash Pickup, Show Low City

April 24, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.: White Mountain Apache Tribe Tribal Earth Day and Environmental Education Fair, Tribal Farm, Canyon Day

Pima County

April 9 – 12, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Earth Week 2013, University of Arizona School of Earth and Environmental Sciences

April 21, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.: 4th Annual Water Festival, Reid Park, Tucson

April 22, 3 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.: University of Arizona Earth Day 2013, UA Mall, Tucson

Pinal County

April 27, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Bulk Trash Disposal Event at the Recycling Association of Maricopa, 46250 W. McDavid Road, Maricopa

Yavapai County

April 20, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.: Annual Granite Creek cleanup, Granite Creek Park, 554 N. 6th St., Prescott

April 20-21: Earth Day! Fossil Springs Wilderness Monitoring, call (928)350-2204 for more details