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EARTHFEST 2015: CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF CLEAN WATER

Cleveland, OH - Join Earth Day Coalition for EarthFest 2015 at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, on Sunday, April 19th from 10am-5pm. Presented and organized by Earth Day Coalition since 1990, EarthFest is Ohio's largest environmental education event and the longest running Earth Day celebration in the nation. This year, in partnership with Mayor Frank Jackson's Sustainable Cleveland 2019 initiative, the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, and Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, EarthFest will celebrate the "Year of Clean Water." EarthFest will feature 270 exhibits in 10 sustainability exhibit areas including: Clean Water, Local and Sustainable Food, Green Home and Garden, Advanced and Renewable Energy, Clean Transportation (with Ride and Drive), Family Fun, Health and Fitness, Community Works, Environmental Science and Zero Waste. Families will enjoy all day entertainment with eco-activities, biodiesel-powered amusement park rides, all day music on 5 stages, urban farm animals, pony rides, healthy food from food trucks, local microbrews and vintners, and much more...

Celebrating the Year of Clean Water:

- Volunteer with EarthFest! As Ohio's largest environmental education and awareness event, EarthFest requires a good number of volunteers. In past years, up to 1,000 volunteers have helped Earth Day Coalition make EarthFest a success. In order to have another successful year, volunteers are needed all weekend for various stations such as the Zero Waste and registration stations, truck loading and unloading, greeting, Saturday and Sunday set-up, and much more. As a volunteer, not only are you able to attend EarthFest for free, but those who sign up for a four hour shift or more will be eligible to receive two free Indians tickets! Volunteers are required to attend one of the upcoming orientation sessions:
 - February 28th: Carnegie West Public Library (1900 Fulton Road, Cleveland OH 44113) from 10:30-11:30AM.
 - March 28th: Carnegie West Public Library (1900 Fulton Road, Cleveland OH 44113) from 10:30-11:30AM.
 - April 9th: St. Patrick's Club Building (3606 Bridge Ave. Cleveland OH 44113) in the Lower Hall from 7-8:30PM (Handicap Accessible)
- Become an EarthFest Sponsor or Exhibitor! EarthFest 2014 featured a record breaking 270 exhibits and attracted upwards of 11,000 attendees so don't miss this opportunity to participate.
- K-12 students are encouraged to enter Earth Day Coalition's annual Art, Poetry and Essay contest and explore creative solutions for clean water. Winning entries will receive free admission to EarthFest and will be invited to participate in the Welcoming Ceremonies, where they will be awarded the acclaimed Hope and Stanley Adelstein Award for Excellence (through The Stanley I. and Hope S. Donor Advised Fund of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, and Earth Day Coalition), which includes a cash prize. Entry forms can be found on our website.

General Admission:

\$4 ages 2-11
\$8 ages 12+

FREE Admission:

- Under age 2
- Ride & park your bicycle in the designated bicycle valet parking area
- Ride RTA's Redline (regular fare) to Brookpark Rapid Station & take the free EarthFest shuttle to Fairgrounds
- Current Earth Day Coalition members (\$35 Individual level or \$50 family level minimum). *You can renew or become a member online or at the entrance to EarthFest. Membership also includes admission to the EarthFest VEP (Very Environmental Persons) catered hospitality area.
- Teachers and their immediate family (must present current school ID)

For exhibitor, sponsorship and volunteer information contact Noha Bechara at nbechara@earthdaycoalition.org (or dial x227). Call (216) 281-6468 or visit www.earthdaycoalition.org for general event information and updates.

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Established in 1990, Earth Day Coalition's mission is to provide education, inspire leadership, and encourage action for a healthy environment. Earth Day Coalition's year-round Community Works programs include: Student Environmental Leadership, Clean Transportation, Neighborhood Action, and EarthFest. EarthFest is Ohio's largest environmental education event and the longest running Earth Day celebration in the nation.