

Earth Day Festival 2010

All-Species Parade Youth Groups Wanted!

Celebrate our natural world at the 40th annual Earth Day at Washtenaw Community College on April 25th, 2010, from 12-4 p.m. This FREE, family friendly event features music & entertainment, hands on activities, and... the **All-Species Parade!**



What's the All-Species Parade, you ask?



The All-Species Parade is a pageantry of colorful, creative costumes and puppets that celebrate the creatures (be they plants, animals, bacteria, fungi, or algae) that fly, crawl, propagate, walk, swim, sprout, canter, and slither their way around our wonderful planet Earth.

At 2:30 p.m., the parade will wind through the festival, ending at the entertainment area in time for nature friendly kids' songs with celebrated Ann Arbor singer and songwriter Joe Reilly.

Want to get your youth group involved?

Making costumes, masks, or puppets gives youth the chance to connect to their chosen species. This natural connection becomes a powerful motivator to learn about their plant or animal and be developed into curriculum about habitat and species-interactions. Building rapport with their species gives students an appreciation of the natural world in a new way and helps them take a larger view of the Earth as an integrated whole.

Need some ideas?

Join with other youth group leaders at the **Leslie Science & Nature Center on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 from 7-9 p.m.** to get some!

Parade facilitator Kendra Pyle, environmental educator and 4-H Foresters Outdoor Adventure Challenge Club leader, will discuss costume-making projects and curriculum applications.

Questions? Contact Kendra Pyle at 517/243-3224 or dreamweaver@buffalodreaming.com

