

## Burnaby Earth Day celebration set for Sunday

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It's time to get out of the house and reconnect with the natural world. And thanks to the Wildlife Rescue Association of B.C., there's a way this Sunday to do just that. The association is hosting an Earth Day celebration on April 25 at Burnaby Lake.

"It's important for people to understand local environmental issues that affect nature also affect us," said the association's Krystal Brennan. The festival is geared towards families.

There will be lots of activities for kids, including birdhouse making (a huge hit last year), interactive displays and a nature trail scavenger hunt. There is a wildlife play for the kids at noon.

Kids can also make bee houses, something like a birdhouse but for orchard mason bees. They don't sting, so they're safe to have around your home, and they are excellent pollinators for gardens, Brennan said.

There will information tables from parks groups, streamkeepers and the like. "We want to expose people to different environmental issues and stewardship opportunities, locally," Brennan said. The idea is to show people what the problems are and give them a chance to fix them.

The event is at the Burnaby Lake Pavilion, 6871 Roberts St. It runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and it's free.

Earth Day is actually April 22, but the association is celebrating on the weekend, so people have time to come out.

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