

EARTH DAY 2010

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Earth Day has the power to mobilize millions of people who want to make personal commitments to sustainability. It is a pivotal opportunity for people, corporations, and governments to join together to create a global green economy. Larimer County offers a number of events surrounding the vision of Earth Day. See where you fit and how you can do your part to be green!

Read and Seed

Thursdays (10-10:30am)

Gardens on Spring Creek, 2145 Centre Avenue, Fort Collins

Enjoy a story and fun garden-related activity. This drop-in program is for young children and their parents. Classes cost \$3 and are open to children ages 3-5.

Visit <http://www.fcgov.com/recreation/catalogs/recreator-49.pdf?1266853186> for more information.

Steele's Market Deconstruct

January 26 – March 1 (M-F 8am–4pm)

1425 North Overland Trail, Fort Collins

Join the DeConstruct Training Program and learn about deconstruction technology and alternative ways to take down buildings. Adults and youth learn construction skills by working directly with trade professional during. No experience necessary.

Contact Neil Kaufman at 970/215.4587 or visit www.nccraftsmanship.org for more information.

Creating a Garden Niche with Natives and Hummingbirds

Wednesday, March 10 (12-1pm)

Loveland Library – Gertrude Scott Meeting Room, Loveland

Charleen Barr presents “Creating a Garden Niche with Natives and Hummingbirds.”

Contact 970/962.2586 or circdesk@ci.loveland.co.us for more information.

Energy Efficiency for Home Comfort: Finding Solutions (Part 2)

Wednesday, March 10 (7–9pm)

Drake Centre, 802 W. Drake Rd. Fort Collins

Learn which local contractors can help you use energy efficiently and what financial incentives are available.

Visit www.fcgov.com/utilities/eps.php for more information.

Growing Together: Garden Art

Thursdays, March 11-March 25 (9:30-10:30am)

Gardens on Spring Creek, Fort Collins

Introduce children, ages 2-4 years old, to plants and gardening through books, songs, crafts, and planting. Parents are encouraged to participate with their children.

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Bike Maintenance Basics

Thursday, March 11 (7-8:30pm)

Fort Collins Bike Co-Op, 331 N. College Avenue, Fort Collins

The Fort Collins Bike Co-op will offer a series of evening classes in Bicycle Traffic Skills 101 (a Smart Cycling Sampler). This class brings forty years of Smart Cycling curriculum developed by the League of American Bicyclists to both novice and experienced riders. There is no charge for the class unless you wish to receive the certificate. In that case the fee is \$60 (\$30 for students and educators).

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Fruit Tree Pruning

Saturday, March 13 (1-3pm)

Gardens on Spring Creek, Fort Collins

Learn proper pruning techniques to promote overall tree health and encourage good fruit yields. A portion of this class is held outdoors so dress for the weather. Class costs \$20.

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Spring Break Fun

Monday, March 15- Thursday, March 18 (9am-12pm)

Gardens on Spring Creek, Fort Collins

In this hands-on class, kids will learn what to plant, how to plant, and how to care for their garden. They'll practice in a plot in the Children's Garden. Classes costs \$80.

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Trees for Colorado

Wednesday, March 17 (12-1pm)

Loveland Library – Gertrude Scott Meeting Room, Loveland
Bill and Mary Monroe present "Trees for Colorado."

Contact 970/962.2586 or circdesk@ci.loveland.co.us for more information.

Sustainable Backyard Vegetable Gardens

Saturday, March 20 (10:30am–12:30pm)

Gardens on Spring Creek, 2145 Centre Avenue, Fort Collins

Join Sue Oberle of Oberle Botanical for a lively discussion about increasing sustainability in the backyard garden, tips on increasing production, caring for soils, dealing with pests and more. Part of a 4-part series. Individual sessions are \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.

Visit <http://www.fcgov.com/horticulture/> for more information.

Take it Outside: Bed Preparation, Transplanting, and Seeding in the Garden

Saturday, March 20 (1-3pm)

Gardens on Spring Creek, 2145 Centre Avenue, Fort Collins

Sue Oberle of Oberle Botanical will discuss bed preparation, seeding spring crops, transplanting your starts and early season protection for a jump start on your harvest. We'll cover soil amendments, plant spacing, optimizing your area and more. Weather permitting, a hands-on exercise will be included. Part of a 4-part series. Individual sessions are \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.

Visit <http://www.fcgov.com/horticulture/> for more information.

Making the Change to Xeriscape

Wednesday, March 24 (7–9pm)

Drake Centre, 802 W. Drake Rd. Fort Collins

Understand the process of landscape renovation at a presentation by Ken Ball, landscape architect and 'father' of Xeriscape.

Visit www.fcgov.com/utilities/eps.php for more information.

How to Care for Your Lawn

Wednesday, March 24 (12-1pm)

Loveland Library – Gertrude Scott Meeting Room, Loveland
Harry Love presents "How to Care for Your Lawn."

Contact 970/962.2586 or circdesk@ci.loveland.co.us for more information.

Safety Equipment, Bike Clothing, Accessories, and On-the-Road Tools

Thursday, March 25 (7-8:30pm)

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Garden Journeys: Help Plan and Plant a Garden Plot

Saturday, March 27 (9:30-10:30am)

Gardens on Spring Creek, 2145 Centre Avenue, Fort Collins

Help plan the Garden Journey veggie plot in the Children's Garden and learn about Plant a Row for the hungry. \$10 per session

Visit <http://www.fcgov.com/horticulture/> for more information.

Tree Pruning

Saturday, March 27 (1-3pm)

Fort Collins

See proper pruning techniques for ornamental trees demonstrated and learn why and how to prune. Class is held outdoors so please dress appropriately. Class costs \$20.

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Planting Spring Bulbs for a Beautiful Garden

Wednesday, March 31 (12-1pm)

Loveland Library – Gertrude Scott Meeting Room, Loveland

Susan Bonsall presents "Planting Spring Bulbs for a Beautiful Garden."

Contact 970/962.2586 or circdesk@ci.loveland.co.us for more information.

Birds and Bugs in Your Backyard

Wednesday, March 31 (7–9pm)

Drake Centre, 802 W. Drake Rd. Fort Collins

Local experts, Boris Kondratieff and Dave Leatherman, will provide tips on how to welcome and observe a variety of birds and beneficial insects in your yard.

Visit www.fcgov.com/utilities/eps.php for more information.

National Volunteer Month

April

April is National Volunteer Month and the United Way Volunteer Center invites everyone to volunteer their time in our community.

For ideas and assistance on how to get involved, dial 2-1-1 (or 970/407.7055) or visit www.uwaylc.org and click on “VOLUNTEER”.

Principles of Traffic Law

Thursday, April 1 (7-8:30pm)

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Noontime Nature

Colorado Lifescape 4: The Mammals of Colorado

Tuesday, April 6 (12-1pm)

Loveland Library, Gertrude Scott Meeting Room, Loveland

This year-long series, presented one each month, will address the diversity of wildlife in Colorado. Just as water, soils, and rocks combine to establish the character of physical landscapes, our many fungi, plants, and animals combine in diverse assemblages to create "lifescapes." Focusing on one wildlife group each month, we will discover the essence of Colorado by examining the character of its lifescape.

Contact 970/962.2586 or circdesk@ci.loveland.co.us for more information.

Xeriscape by Design

Wednesday, April 7 (7–9pm)

Drake Centre, 802 W. Drake Rd. Fort Collins

Hear from landscape architect Wendy Booth from Ivy Street Design, share basic design principles to help create beautiful landscapes that can be enjoyed all year around.

Visit www.fcgov.com/utilities/eps.php for more information.

Growing Together: All about Seeds

Thursday, April 8 (9:30-10:30am)

Gardens on Spring Creek, 2145 Centre Avenue, Fort Collins

2-4 year olds learn about plants and gardening through books, songs, crafts and fun activities. They'll learn all about seeds and how plants grow. Classes are held on Thursdays for a 3-week session.

Contact Information Christine Ginnity, 970/416.2491 or cginnity@fcgov.com.

How Crashes Happen and How to Avoid Them

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Rock Creek Restoration

Saturday, April 10

Rock Creek, Fort Collins

Join us for our project season opener by planting native shrubs and willows in a newly restored section of Rock Creek and stay for a season kick off celebration after! Just below upper Rock Creek, one of the largest undisturbed grasslands in Boulder County, volunteers will work to restore a portion of the stream bank altered in the late 1960's.

Contact Wildlife Restoration Volunteers at 303/543.1411 or info@wlr.org or visit www.wlr.org for more information and to register.

Community Gardens Orientation

Saturday, April 10 (9-11am)

Senior Center, Fort Collins

If you enjoy gardening but do not have access to land, or simply prefer to tend a garden in a social setting, community gardening might be what you need. Gardeners will have individual plots at the Senior Center to plant, tend and harvest as they wish. Gardening dates are April

10 - October 15. Senior Center Members ONLY. Fee includes \$40 refundable clean-up deposit for ground plots and \$20 refundable clean-up deposit for raised beds. In-Ground Plots: \$65; Raised Beds: \$34.

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Shrub Pruning

Saturday, April 10 (1-3pm)

Gardens on Spring Creek, Fort Collins

Get the help your shrubs need and learn how to prune shrubs for shape, health, and flower production. A portion of this class is held outdoors so please dress appropriately. Class costs \$20.

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Wildlands Restoration Volunteers at CSU Outdoor Club

Wednesday, April 14 (7-8:30pm)

CSU Lory Student Center, Fort Collins

Come learn about what Wildland Restoration Volunteers is doing and how you can help! Wildlands Restoration Volunteers have completed 217 projects, 15 miles of trailwork, planted over 100,000 native trees, and restored 13 miles of streams and shorelines, benefiting over 14,000 acres of wildlife habitat. Please join us when longtime WLRV contributor Brock Bowles visits to talk about what the WLRV has been able to accomplish over the years and tell us about some unique upcoming projects that we can get involved with to restore and care for all the trails and land that we love!

Visit www.rei.com/stores/49 for more information.

Riding Basics

Thursday, April 15 (7-8:30pm)

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Crew Leader for Trails

Saturday, April 17 - Sunday, April 18th (8am-5pm)

Golden, Grand Junction

This exciting training is for anyone interested in outdoor volunteer crew leadership. The workshop is best for individuals who have had experience working on trail projects or previous crew leadership experiences

To register for Golden, visit

http://www.volunteeroutdoors.net/index.cfm?fuseaction=Opportunities.View&Opportunity_ID=2838 and to register for Grand Junction, visit

http://www.volunteeroutdoors.net/index.cfm?fuseaction=Opportunities.View&Opportunity_ID=2842.

CSUnity

Saturday, April 17

Colorado State University (CSU), Fort Collins

Each spring, over two thousand CSU students gather for a day-long service plunge in and around the Fort Collins community. Students will join to do volunteer projects ranging from planting trees, painting houses, visiting with senior citizens, sorting food, and much more. Services are provided to neighbors in the community, the City of Fort Collins, state, county and federal agencies; and local nonprofits. A bountiful variety of volunteer opportunities are available. All volunteers receive free breakfast, free lunch, and a CSUnity t-shirt.

Contact Keith Colton at 970/491.3579 or keith.colton@colostate.edu or visit <http://www.slice.colostate.edu/slice/volunteer/csunity.aspx> for more information.

Burn Tributary Riparian Restoration

Saturday, April 17

Fort Collins

Volunteers will help plant hundreds of native trees and shrubs, remove Russian Olives, and make improvements to the stream channel. This project supports in important first step in attaining sustainability goals set by the City of Fort Collins Storm Water Utility Department and continues an important relationship between WRV and the City of Fort Collins. Join us to commemorate this landmark project.

Contact Wildlife Restoration Volunteers at 303/543.1411 or info@wlr.org or visit www.wlr.org for more information and to register.

Carnage Canyon Restoration

Saturday, April 17

Wildlife Restoration Volunteers will be planting over 1000 native shrubs at key points along the stream. The planting of these shrubs will accelerate the re-establishment of native vegetation and provide critical stabilization to vulnerable stretches of the newly created stream bank.

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Organic Gardening Basics

Saturday, April 17 (9am-12pm)

Senior Center, Fort Collins

Get the information you need to start and maintain your own organic garden. Soil preparation, natural fertilizers, composting, companion planting and natural pesticides will be discussed.

Garbage Garage Open House

Saturday, April 17 (9am-3pm)

Larimer County Solid Waste, Fort Collins

This Earth Day event features games, demonstrations, arts and crafts, mini-tours, the Trash to Art contest, and more. Volunteers will assist with set-up, demonstrations, supervising the art contest and more.

Contact Rose Watson at 970/498.5777 or rwatson@larimer.org.

Carpe Diem

Saturday, April 17 (10am-2pm)

CSU Environmental Learning Center, 2400 S. Zeigler Road, Fort Collins

An Earth Day Celebration at the Environmental Learning Center for families and individuals of all ages. Volunteers are needed for gardening, trail maintenance, invasive species removal, painting and more.

Contact the volunteer coordinator at 970/491.1661 or el@warnercnr.colostate.edu.

Bike Handling Basics – Parking Lot Drills and On-the-Road Practice

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Get X-Rated: Great Xeriscape Plants

Wednesday, April 21 (7-9pm)

Drake Centre, 802 W. Drake Road Fort Collins

Listen to Harriet McMillan, horticulture specialist from the Echter's Garden Center, share how X-Rated plants are suitable for low water-using landscapes.

Visit www.fcgov.com/utilities/eps.php for more information.

Wild and Scenic Film Festival

Saturday, April 23 (5:30-9:30pm)

Lory Student Center, Fort Collins

Jax is hosting the Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival. The tour seeks to develop as an effective tool for bringing a community together around local and global issues in a venue where environmental groups are able to help new activists take action. The tour allows SYRCL to share their success with other environmental groups nationwide. It is a building a network of grassroots organizations connected by a common goal, to use film to inspire activism. Tickets can be purchased at all Jax Outdoor Gear Locations, www.jaxgoods.com, and the Colorado State University box office.

Visit www.jaxgoods.com for more information.

Global Youth Service Day

Friday, April 23 – Sunday, April 25

The goal of GYSD is to mobilize youth to identify and address the needs of their communities through service, recruit the next generation of volunteers, and educate the public about the year-round contributions young people make as community leaders. Youth are encouraged to get involved by planning volunteer projects with their families, friends, youth groups, troops, and classrooms. Students who register their project with the United Way Volunteer Center will receive a GYSD t-shirt (while supplies last) and recognition in United Way press releases and GYSD reports.

Contact Andrea Bloomquist at 970/407.7054 or abloomquist@uwaylc.org or visit www.uwaylc.org and click on "Volunteer" for more information.

Kites in the Park

Saturday, April 24

Northside Aztlan Community Center, Fort Collins

This outdoor kite festival for families includes concessions, demos, contests, kite making and more.

Contact Kristie Blackmon at 970/416.2443 or kblackmon@fcgov.com.

Rare Plant Survey

Saturday, April 24 (9-11am)

Primrose Studio, Fort Collins

During the second annual rare plant survey, volunteers will be looking for 10 plant species throughout the natural areas.

Contact Susan Schafer at 970/416-2480

Garden Journeys

Saturday, April 24 (9:30-10:30am)

Gardens on Spring Creek, 2145 Centre Avenue, Fort Collins

Sow tomato and pepper seeds in the greenhouse for planting into the garden plot in May.
\$10 per session

Visit <http://www.fcgov.com/horticulture/> for more information.

Garbage Garage Open House and Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 24, 2010 (10am-2pm)

Garbage Garage at the Larimer County Landfill, 5587 S. Taft Hill Road, Fort Collins

The Garbage Garage is Larimer County's waste and recycling education center. Everyone is invited.

Contact Information: 970/498-5772, rwatson@larimer.org or visit <http://www.larimer.org/solidwaste/> for more information.

Green Baby Fest

Saturday, April 24 (10am-2pm)

Poudre River Public Library District, Fort Collins

This drop-in program promotes local natural and earth-friendly products and practices for expectant parents and parents of very young children.

For more information, contact Barbara Carndall at 970/224-6183 or bcrandall@fcgov.org.

Earth Day and International Astronomy Day Celebration

Saturday, April 24 (11am-2pm)

Discovery Science Center, 703 E. Prospect Road, Fort Collins

What better way to celebrate than by learning about Earth and our solar system? StarLab planetarium shows will be presented at 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 2:00 pm. Learn about telescopes, how you can visit the Stargazer Observatory in Fort Collins, and experience hands-on space and earth science activities.

Visit www.dscm.org for more information.

Pawnee National Grasslands Riparian Restoration

Saturday, April 24 – Sunday, April 25

This restored riparian corridor will serve as important habitat for birds, endangered fish, leopard frogs, Preble's meadow jumping mouse, and other area wildlife. Fencing and a fundamental change in grazing management by the Pawnee National Grasslands will protect this riparian area in the long term. The site is located northeast of Fort Collins.

Contact Wildlife Restoration Volunteers at 303/543.1411 or info@wlr.org or visit www.wlr.org for more information and to register.

Visit <http://www.fccyclingfest.com/> for more information or to register.