

# EARTH DAY AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEEK EVENTS AND RESOURCES

***Earth Day is April 22, 2017, but events take place throughout Earth Week – April 23-29<sup>th</sup>, 2017.***

See below for a list of organizations that can help you plan and publicize your events and outreach!

## **Earth Day Network**

April 22, 2017 marks the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day and this year Earth Day Network is putting education at the forefront. The theme this year is “Environmental and Climate Literacy.” For help with organizing successful events, Earth Day Network has developed a [series of toolkits](#) that will help you as you think about how to celebrate Earth Day.

Here are some ways you can take the lead in educating your community about being good stewards to the environment this Earth Day:

**1) Hold a teach-in:** Organize your local community to discuss environmental hazards with local implications. Guidance on how to lead a successful teach-in can be found [here](#).

**2) Take Part in Climate Education Week:** Climate Education Week will serve as a time to take pointed action on climate change, alternative energy, environmental racism, and more. It also gives educators the opportunity to facilitate these conversations through various subjects including STEM, language arts, social studies, and health. Visit the [Earth Day website](#) for more information!

**3) March for Science:** Join the March for Science in Washington, DC on April 22 or one of the satellite marches occurring all across the globe. This event will bring everyone from celebrities to communities together in support of informed citizen action on the environment. For more information, please visit <http://www.earthday.org/marchforscience/>

**Earth Day Network wants to hear what you are doing for Earth Day!** You can [register](#) your event on their site. Don't forget to use #EarthDay2017 to connect with other Earth Day events across the world and follow Earth Day Network on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram @EarthDayNetwork!

**On Thursday, March 23 at 2:00 PM EST Earth Day Network is hosting a** webinar to provide more details on how to host a teach-in or Earth Day event in your community. If you're interested, please sign up [here](#).

## **National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF)**

Register today for NEEF's 13th annual National Environmental Education Week, Sunday, April 23, 2017 through Saturday, April 29, 2017.

[Register today](#) to receive:

- Resources for educators, such as toolkits and activity guides to make environmental learning come alive
- Resources for everyone, including EE activities to do with children and year-round inspiration for your every day
- Bright spots in the field of EE, including stories from the field with tips and ideas you can use

- Advance notice of special events and activities during EE Week

### **NJ Department of Environmental Protection:**

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has administered the Earth Day - New Jersey website ([www.earthdayNJ.org](http://www.earthdayNJ.org)) for almost 20 years.

*Event coordinators, group leaders, educators, volunteers and media reps use this website to promote their events in order to attract volunteers, participants and media reps to them.*

Each year the Earth Day - New Jersey website receives more than 50,000 hits in April through May because it features an [Events Calendar](#) that lists between as many as 100 or more public events, including fairs, cleanups, plantings, festivals, walks and outdoor programs.

The Earth Day – New Jersey website also features a school programs listing, history of Earth Day and Environmental Education Week, and suggestions for what families, schools and individuals can do to help protect the environment.

**In celebration of Earth Day (April 22) and New Jersey Earth Week (April 23 – 29)**, submit details about your public program at: [www.nj.gov/dep/seeds/earthday/calsub.htm](http://www.nj.gov/dep/seeds/earthday/calsub.htm).

**In celebration of National Environmental Education Week (April 23-29)**, showcase your school's environmental, green and sustainable lessons and projects by submitting descriptions at: [www.nj.gov/dep/seeds/earthday/calsub.htm](http://www.nj.gov/dep/seeds/earthday/calsub.htm).

NJDEP celebrates Earth Day and Earth Week as “springboards” to ongoing environmental stewardship and year-round environmental protection efforts. Visit [www.earthdayNJ.org](http://www.earthdayNJ.org) to find events and programs that are located in or near their own communities.