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Earth Day Omaha 2021 Celebrates with a Hybrid Event
Online and in-person activities offered from April 15–May 15

March 26, 2021 (Omaha, NE) — The 31st Annual Earth Day Omaha, the city’s largest ecological showcase and celebration, will be a hybrid event with both online and in-person activities scheduled from April 15–May 15. The annual Earth Day program is designed to create awareness of the need to nurture and protect our environment, provide “how to” education, and inspire action.

A “Mini” Earth Day Omaha will take place on Saturday, April 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Elmwood Park, and will feature a “Hard-to-Recycle” drive-thru collection, yoga, park cleanup, and tree planting. Due to the pandemic, this will be a scaled-down celebration with limited activities to keep attendees safe and socially-distanced.

New this year, Earth Day Omaha and Sarpy County Earth Day are partnering to present the “Nebraska Earth Day Passport” — a community connection and engagement platform to display all of the local and regional activities, events, vendors, exhibitors and sponsors that typically make up the environmental expo. Activities will include individual, on-demand, on-site, and Zoom style formats, and all efforts will educate the public about the importance of caring for our environment.

“Earth Day Omaha is one of the country’s longest-running, consecutive Earth Day celebrations,” said Angie Remington, board chair for Earth Day Omaha. “We’re excited to be back in Elmwood Park again this year for our ‘Mini’ Earth Day celebration, and to also partner with Sarpy County Earth Day to deliver a safe and interactive passport-driven experience that features local nonprofits, businesses, and other organizations that care deeply about protecting and preserving our environment.”

Highlights of this year's "Mini" Earth Day Omaha on April 17 include:

- A "Hard-to-Recycle" drive-thru collection will be held in Elmwood Park from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. with collections for compost, reusable and non-reusable textiles, electronics, metal, eyeglasses and hearing aids, EPS foam, and more! Details will be posted on earthdayomaha.org.
- From 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. help clean up Elmwood Park with Keep Omaha Beautiful! Check in at the Elmwood Park Pavilion to receive instructions and lots of eco-friendly information.
- Starting at 1:00 p.m. join Lora McCarville for a socially-distanced, outdoor yoga experience with Yoga Rocks the Park! Bring your mats.
- Learn how to correctly plant a tree with an arborist! The demonstration will be streamed on Facebook live.

Introducing the Nebraska Earth Day Passport

Through the respective websites for EarthDayOmaha.org and GreenBellevue.org, starting April 5th, attendees will go online to register for free on the Nebraska Earth Day Passport platform. The passport will launch on April 15th listing all of the activities and challenges taking place over the period from April 15–May 15. New challenges will be featured daily and attendees can compete for prizes based upon a point system that encourages participating in multiple activities. Participants who register between April 5–14 will receive 100 bonus points.

The collaborative Nebraska Earth Day Passport will feature businesses, organizations, schools, and nonprofits that typically exhibit at one or both of the annual Omaha and Sarpy events. All organizations that offer solutions, education, programs, activities, products and services that enhance and support a cleaner, healthier environment are encouraged to join in.

Through the passport, the public will be able to nominate this year's Earth Day Omaha Friend of the Environment winners! An award ceremony will be presented by Papio-Missouri River NRD and Firststar Recycling after May 15 to honor the 2021 finalists.

All activities on the Nebraska Earth Day Passport are open to the public, and a calendar of events will be available on the Earth Day Omaha and Green Bellevue websites. The group asks that all promotions and online activity about this event use the following hashtags:

#NebEarthDayPassport #EarthDayOmaha #SarpyCountyEarthDay

Earth Day Omaha is produced by the Earth Day Omaha Coalition, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to increasing public awareness of environmental issues through annual Earth Day events and activities. The Earth Day Omaha Coalition is affiliated with Earth Day Network, the international organization coordinating Earth Day events worldwide. The 2021 event is sponsored by Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, Firststar Recycling, Omaha Public Power District, The Reader, Hillside Solutions, Dundee Bank, Fraser Stryker, Cross Training Center, Metro Omaha Tobacco Action Coalition, Audubon Society of Omaha, Keep Omaha Beautiful, Missouri Valley Group Sierra Club, Metropolitan Community College and Physicians Mutual. For more information and to get involved visit www.earthdayomaha.org.