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Earth Week 2018 - An Environmental Justice Perspective

Beyond Toxics and a coalition of local groups forge a series of Eugene events focusing on justice

EUGENE, ORE. – This year’s Earth Week celebration brings a critically needed focus on what it will take to bring environmental justice to Oregon as we see new attacks on the environment every week from the White House and Congress. Beyond Toxics and a diverse range of agile collaborators* (including NAACP, U of O Coalition Against Environmental Racism and many more!) have created a week of fun and engaging events focused on environmental justice!

Mysti Frost, Beyond Toxics’ event organizer said, *“It has been such an honor and learning experience watching our community come together to organize and participate in these upcoming Earth week events. I am excited to see the ripple effects this work will have. We are so lucky to live in this very special place where true change is possible. Now is the time to come together.”*

See the schedule below for **Earth Week 2018: An Environmental Justice Perspective**. (All Ages Welcome)

Monday 4/16 from 5:30-8:00 pm, **Free Movie: Black Snake Killaz**

Beyond Toxics and the Native American Law Student Association are hosting a FREE MOVIE: **BLACK SNAKE KILLAZ** to kick off Earth Week on April 16th at 5:30PM at the UO Law School Room 175. This movie covers the national mobilization to resist the Dakota Pipeline.

Tuesday 4/17 from 5:30-6:30 pm, **Trainsong Tree Walk with Friends of Trees**.

Join us for a tree appreciation walk in the Trainsong Neighborhood! Meet at Trainsong Park at 5:30pm to take a walk among the trees and talk about the impacts of canopy coverage and climate change.

Wednesday 4/18 from 5:30-7:30pm, **Free Panel: Not Just A Climate, but a JUST Climate**

Come join Our Children’s Trust & Beyond Toxics for a panel featuring speakers from Our Children's Trust/The Juliana v. United States court case, the UO Tribal Climate Change Project, and Beyond Toxics. **Kelsey Juliana**, the main plaintiff suing the federal government on behalf of youth around the world is a featured speaker! Learn about how climate change disproportionately affects marginalized communities and what youth and those communities are doing to fight back! There will be FREE PIZZA 5:30-6pm. The panel begins at 6pm. BYO Water Bottle: this is a zero waste event.

Thursday 4/19 from 5:00-7:45pm, **Movie Night: Beasts of the Southern Wild**

Join Northwest Youth Corps for a FREE screening of **“Beasts of the Southern Wild!”** starting at 5 pm at 2621 Augusta Street. This film focuses on issues related to environmental justice, but with a creative twist! FREE. Film will be introduced by a group of U of O film students.

Friday 4/20 from 6:00-10:00pm, ***A Breath of Fresh Air, An Environmental Justice Showcase*** – FREE

Breath of Fresh Air: An Environmental Justice Showcase is a FREE performance event of music and poetry starting at 6pm at Kesey Square in Eugene's downtown. *A Breath of Fresh Air* will feature local poets and inspirational speakers from communities of color, including poets Yola Gomez, Marcus Holloway, and Stephen Logan, along with live music by Chiefed, The Invisible Arts Project, Angel Worriar and more. Inspirational speakers will include Senator James Manning, Slug Queen Mija Marie and NAACP youth Sasha Stewart. An Earth Justice Art show with photography by Mimi Nolledo and paintings by Cecilia Sanchez will be open for viewing at the building across the street from Kesey Square in downtown Eugene.

Saturday 4/21 from 2:00-10:00pm, ***Pints for Pollinators at Viking Braggot***

Saturday, brew masters at Viking Braggot are hosting ***Pints for Pollinators to Celebrate Earth Day*** and Oregon's pollinators. Viking Braggot is brewing a special beer using Mountain Rose Herb's Pollinator Tea for a one-time-only release this weekend! \$1 per point sold goes to Save Oregon's Bees! Come enjoy LIVE JAZZ MUSIC by **Backroad Groove**, door prizes, bee trivia and fresh, delicious beer and food! Must be 21 years and up to join the fun! Viking Braggot Taproom is just off the Fern Ridge Bike Path at 520 Commercial St., in West Eugene.

Sunday 4/22 from 3:00-6:00pm, ***Earth Day Community Potluck***. Come join Beyond Toxics, the NAACP, CALC and others in a culminating Earth Day 2018 Celebration with music, food and community. The community potluck takes place at the historic Mims House in Eugene from 3-6pm on Sunday! Please bring a dish or beverage in a reusable container.

For more detail about the 2018 Earth Week Celebration: <http://www.beyondtoxics.org/earth-week-2018/>

* Earth Week 2018 is a collaboration of: Beyond Toxics, NAACP, Community Alliance Lane County, Coalition Against Environmental Racism, Northwest Youth Corps, Our Children's Trust, Our Future Alliance, Friends of Trees and GTFF - EJ Caucus.

Beyond Toxics protects and enhances human and environmental health. We promote environmental justice engagement and community-based environmental grassroots organizing to ensure environmental protection and health for all communities. We empower communities to enact lasting solutions to environmental health threats.

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