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EarthFest LA Sparks Children's Creativity

CONTEST DEADLINE - AUGUST 1



The 7th Annual EarthFest LA is coming to West Los Angeles College on September 15. The day-long event will feature numerous free, fun and educational activities for the entire family as well as a number of special events for youth.

EarthFest LA is designed to help Southern California residents discover ways to reduce their impact on the region's environment and is being held during Coastal Clean Up Month. During this month, volunteers work with environmental organizations to help solve some of the ecological problems man has created locally and around the world.

The children's activities at EarthFest LA include poster and essay contests; and the appearance of Star Eco Station, a popular Culver City environmental science museum. There will be sessions on how youth can live more green by getting involved in programs like recycling. Kid's Eco Camp, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., will feature an interactive skit to help young people understand climate change and the roles they can play. There will also be face painting.

Other activities, not specifically aimed at youth but that are kid-friendly, include a segment called "From the Garden to the Table" where master gardeners teach how to plant and grow healthy foods. There are also cooking and nutrition demonstrations that will take foods grown in the garden and show how to prepare them in a healthy way.

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The winners of the student essay and poster contests will be announced and their works will be displayed at EarthFest LA. The contests are open to youth in grades 5 to 12. Three winners from each category (elementary school, middle school, and high school) will be recognized. First prize receives a \$50 savings bond, and second and third place winners each receive a certificate of recognition. **The deadline to submit entries is Wednesday Aug. 1, 2012.** Submissions should be delivered to 3438 W. 43rd St., Los Angeles, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and essays must be emailed by August 1 at 4 p.m. to: info@californiagreenworks.org. For specific details on the subject matter and dimensions of the poster and the essay topics, visit the web site EarthFestLA.org.

EarthFest LA is being presented by California Greenworks Inc. and is sponsored by Clear Channel Outdoors, Toyota Motor Sales USA, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Edison International, the Boeing Employee Fund and West Los Angeles College.

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