

Wisconsin... planted in the past,
growing toward the future.



Governor's Earth Day Celebration²⁰⁰⁹

Did you know?

--Earth Day was started back in 1970 by Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson.

-- Wisconsin has 76,000 farms totaling 15 million acres of land. That's almost half (44 percent) of all the land in the state. That land grows crops but also provides food and places for wildlife.

-- Wisconsin farmers depend on clean water and good soil to grow crops and raise animals. For farmers, every day is Earth Day.

-- Wisconsin has 14,000 lakes and 2,000 miles of trout streams. That's a lot of water for swimming, fishing and boating.

-- You can help take care of Wisconsin and the Earth. Turn off the faucet when you brush your teeth. Recycle and compost to save space in the landfills. Ask your parent or guardian to visit local farmers markets so your food doesn't require transportation from far away places. Walk, bike or take public transportation when you can.

You're Invited! Governor Jim Doyle and First Lady Jessica Doyle invite you to attend the Governor's Earth Day Celebration 2009 on **Saturday April 25th from 1-3 pm** at Wisconsin's Executive Residence.

The day will be filled with fun activities such as a nature walk, growing a tree of pledges, stamping and button making, and learning to grow your own tree from a seedling! (Each child will receive their own pine seedling to plant as an Earth Day remembrance.) Special guests include Rod Nilsestuen, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection; Matt Frank, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources; Alice in Dairyland; Bucky Badger; and Smokey Bear! This event is for children 2nd -4th grade. Participation is limited to the first 450 registrants... so hurry!

Please visit our website, <http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/registration/earthday.jsp> or our homepage <http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/> and click on the link to register, or call with complete details (608)224-5013.

- Child must be 7-10 yrs old (2nd to 4th grade)
- Child must be accompanied by an adult (18+)
- Limit of 2 guests per registered child

*Name of Child: _____ Age: _____

*Name of Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

*Email: _____

* Required Fields, all further information, maps, and reminders, etc. will be sent electronically, unless otherwise specified.

Yes, I give my child permission to participate in the 2009 Governor's Earth Day Celebration for Wisconsin children and comply that my child will be accompanied by an adult.

- If you have any questions or problems please call Emily Phelps at (608)224-5014 or email Emily.Phelps@Wisconsin.gov