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Delaware Nature Society's Earth Day Festival Set for April 16 on Wilmington's Riverfront
Learn how to make every day Earth Day

Earth Day is April 22 but Delaware Nature Society is kicking off the celebration early, with its Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This free, family-oriented event will be held at the DuPont Environmental Education Center, at the Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge in Wilmington.

Activities will include canoe trips down the Christina, a riverfront scavenger hunt, face painting and story times for children, live music, green living exhibitors and much more. Visitors can join a 15-minute trek to a beaver lodge and learn how the beavers constructed it. The InKids, a coalition of child-focused Wilmington organizations, will be in attendance and offer special, kid-friendly activities.

U.S. Sen. Tom Carper will speak at noon at the Earth Day Festival. The event is dedicated to the memory of Gov. Russell W. Peterson, a nationally known environmental champion and longtime friend of the Delaware Nature Society. Gov. Peterson passed away in February. The governor's 1999 memoir "Rebel with a Conscience" will be available for sale, as well as other environmental and nature books.

Delaware Nature Society's Earth Day Festival was created in partnership with the Riverfront Development Corporation of Delaware and Delmarva Power. For more information, call 656-1490 or visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.delawarenaturesociety.org"](http://www.delawarenaturesociety.org)

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