

The History of Earth Day

--The idea for Earth Day evolved over 7 years.
 --The founder of Earth Day was Gaylord Nelson, a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin.
 --In 1969, he witnessed a massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, CA. He was troubled by the fact that our environment was not an issue in the politics of our country.
 --Senator Nelson decided to go on a national conservation tour to persuade President Kennedy to shed some light on the issue.
 --A national staff of 85 people was built to promote events across the country.
 --On April 22, 1970, the first Earth Day was held.
 --Today, Earth Day in the United States is a day to recognize the environment, ecology and the earth's natural resources. It is also a day to work toward a more sustainable planet.

Earth Day Worldwide

--Today, over 500 million people in 175 different countries celebrate Earth Day.
 --Canada: Celebrates by advocating environmentalism.
 --Spain: Celebrates with a two day outdoor fair. It features eco-friendly products.
 --Bulgaria: Holds the World-Energy forum in honor of Earth Day.
 --Thailand: Celebrates by promoting world peace through the idea of inner peace.
 --Monaco: Has an annual Earth Day swim in the Mediterranean. Participants raise money for environmental issues.
 --Costa Rica: Celebrates "Twearth Day," a combination of Twitter and Earth Day.

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The Greener the Better

Did You Know...

- ...Earth Day is celebrated in 175 countries?
- ...In some elementary schools, Earth Day is the third largest celebrated holiday after Halloween and Christmas?
- ...Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to watch TV for three hours or to buy half a gallon of gasoline?
- ...More than 20 million Americans participated in the first Earth Day celebration on April 22, 1970?
- ...11% of the Earth's surface is used to grow food?
- ...More than 20,000,000 Hershey's Kisses are wrapped each day, using 133 square miles of tinfoil and all of that tinfoil is recyclable?
- ...Adults who began volunteering when they were young are twice as likely to volunteer as those who did not start at a young age?
- ...In the United States, 64.5 million people ages 16 and over have volunteered at least once?

Easy Tip on Living Laker Green:

If you run a website or a blog, spread awareness by displaying an Earth Day countdown button from the Earth Day Network. It's easy to get the code and it will help to create awareness.



Answer to Last Week's Question:

As of September 2010, people between the ages of 35-44 have volunteered the most. People between the ages of 45-55 were second and people between the ages of 16-24 were third.

Question of the Week:

When did smoking hookah begin to gain popularity?

Events of the Week:

- Tuesday, April 19th: Concert: State Singers. Campus Center Auditorium, 7:30-9:00 p.m. Suggested donation of \$5.00.
- Wednesday, April 20th: Penfield Library Book Sale. Penfield Library, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- May 9th-13th: Leave Green! Donate food, clothing & household items that would otherwise be thrown out. Drop off donations at the Newman Center or Swetman Gym between 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For more information, visit: http://www.oswego.edu/student/services/campus_life/mainoffice/leavegreen.html

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Words to whiz by...

"Nature provides a free lunch, but only if we control our appetites."
 --William Ruckelshaus

Why is it Important to Volunteer?

- To build your resume
- To obtain leadership skills
- To gain satisfaction from accomplishment
- To learn and develop new skills
- To meet people and help your community
- To enhance your career opportunities
- To make a difference
- To be a role model
- To support a good cause

Common Earth Day Activities

- Planting Trees
- Finding local land trust to volunteer in
- Planting small gardens
- Recycling cans, bottles and paper
- Riding your bike or walking instead of taking a car or bus
- Finding or starting a local clean-up initiative at a lake, river or pond

Volunteer Opportunities in Oswego

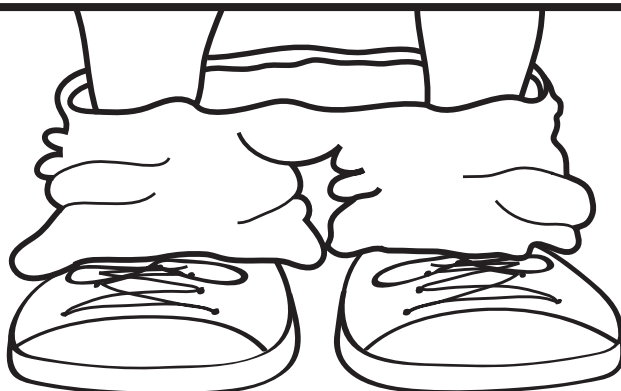
- Adopt A Grandparent
- Mentor Oswego
- Special Olympics
- Habitat for Humanity
- Alpha Phi Omega, National Co-ed Service Fraternity

For more information, contact the Center for Service Learning and Community Service: Located in 145 Campus Center (The Compass). Call at (315) 312-5360 or (315) 312-2505 or e-mail service@oswego.edu

Lifestyles

AFTER DARK

Open Mic night on April 21st is cancelled due to Easter Break.



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