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Planet Earth Celebration Scheduled for April 24

Games, music and exhibits to highlight event

There's only one community event that offers music ranging from reggae to Celtic, fun events like a backhoe rodeo and fire hydrant painting, and plenty of information to help you improve and preserve the environment.

It's the ninth annual Planet Earth Celebration – a free community [environmental education](#) event that blends learning with fun. The Planet Earth Celebration will take place at Sue Haswell Memorial Park (East William Joel Bryan Parkway) in Bryan on Saturday, April 24, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. [“The Planet Earth Celebration is simply the best way for residents to learn about all of the great programs in our community that support environmental conservation and resource protection. Taking care of the planet is important-it's the only one we have!” said Jennifer Nations, College Station's Water Resource Coordinator.](#)

Exhibits, demonstrations and games

Informational exhibits and demonstrations will focus on water and energy conservation, composting, waste reduction and recycling. Kids will enjoy activities throughout the day, such as face painting, grocery bag decorating, a T-shirt design contest, a recycling relay, recycling tic-tac-toe, dirty lake fishing, planting flowers and making bird feeders.

Schedule of events

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	Arbor Day ceremony
10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.	The Bozarts (folk/Celtic)
11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	Drum Circle (drum jam session)
12 p.m.-1 p.m.	Grant Terrall (reggae)
1 p.m.-1:15 p.m.	Aggie Wranglers (country/western dance)

1:45 p.m.-3 p.m.

Dru Wilson & Friends (country/blues)

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And don't forget

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Fire hydrant painting contest

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Backhoe rodeo

All day Exhibits & demonstrations

All day Games for kids

All day Free popcorn and soft drinks

Parking/shuttle service

Overflow parking is available at the Brazos County Health Department, located at the intersection of Texas Avenue and William Joel Bryan Parkway. Free shuttle service to and from Sue Haswell Memorial Park is provided by The District.

About the event

The Planet Earth Celebration is a community effort among the cities of Bryan and College Station, Texas A&M University, Keep Brazos Beautiful and the Brazos Valley Solid Waste Management Agency. Other participating agencies: Brazos Animal Rescue Coalition, Brazos County Health Department, Brazos County Master Gardeners, Brazos Greenways Council, Brazos Valley Council of Governments, Brazos Valley Golden Retriever Rescue and Texas A&M University's Environmental Issues Committee.

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