

SIERRA Cedar Wapsie Group Spring 2012 Serving Benton, Jones, Linn, and Tama Counties





Good Green Fun! — Eco-Fest 2012

April 21st marks the 3rd annual Eco-Fest in the Cedar Rapids Czech Village/New Bohemia Main Street Cultural District. Eco-Fest 2012 is the premiere Earth Day event in Eastern Iowa—This year's theme is Good Green Fun! The fest is supported by over 20 area groups, both arts and environmental. This year's festival is even more fun than last year: all of the venues are focused along 3rd Street SE, between Bottleworks and The Chrome Horse. Most events are free and open to the public.

Eco-Fest Events Include:

A Recycled Iron Pour complete with industrial music and tribal dancing, 7-9 p.m.

The Eco-Lips Bike Ride for kids and adults, 2-5 p.m.

A Raku Ceramics Firing, 12-4 p.m.

Hot Blown Glass Demonstration, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

A Children's Scrapyard Challenge, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Green Roof Tour at Water Tower Place

A Trash Collection Contest with Prizes, Noon

A Recycled Sculpture Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

A Sustainable/Recycled Fashion Workshop

E-waste Collection

Friends of Library - recycled books project

Healthy Counties, Healthy Families 5k Run/Walk, 6 p.m.

A great day of environmentally themed, but fun activities build to a very exciting finale with the *Iron Heads* from Minneapolis doing the Recycled Iron Pour. Molten Iron produces crazy sparks as the Iron Heads work with it and pour it into molds to make recycled metal sculptures. They'll be accompanied by Savage Aural Hotbed, a Minneapolis band known for "industrial music" featuring power tools and a whole lot more—as well as the tribal dance moves of our local troupe Dances with Scissors. This event should not be missed.

Many community groups are working together to make this the best Eco-Fest ever, including The Cedar Wapsie Group of the Sierra Club, Trees Forever, Prairiewoods,



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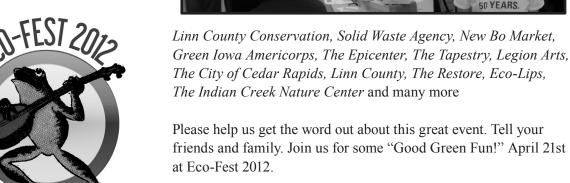
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Mark Your Calendars! 2012-2013

April 29, 2 p.m..... Roadside Clean-up, N. Center Point & County Home Rd.

May 5 & 6...... Spring Outing, Morgan Creek Park

June 2, 7 a.m.,.... Bird Hike, Wicciup Hill Outdoor Learning Area July 21 Green Day, Cedar Rapids Farmers Market

August 3, 4, & 5 Wildwood Camping Outing

September 30, 2 p.m.Roadside Clean-up, N. Center Point & County Home Rd.

October 7, 2 p.m...... Fall Outing Bike Ride & Picnic

November 10..... Environmental Film Festival, Mount Mercy University

November 17..... Chili Luncheon & Silent Auction January 19 Cross Country Skiing event at Morgan Creek Park

February 1, 2, &3...... Winter Outing at Backbone Cabins

For more information on additional Sierra Club events, please look for us on www.sierraclub.org.