



Crestwood's Second Annual Nature Fair and Plant Sale

April 17, 1-4pm

Presented by Crestwood PTA

April has been declared "Children and Nature Awareness Month." Crestwood Elementary School and Crestwood Farms Garden Club are having the Second Annual Nature Fair and Plant Sale on **Saturday, April 17, 2010.**

The Nature Fair provides an opportunity for children to experience hands on activities and enjoy



educational displays and live wildlife encounters about nature to keep Virginia green and growing! This fun filled event will be

advertised to the public using flyers, posters, signs, and local media. Volunteers, students and faculty will be growing herb, flower and vegetable plants in the greenhouse located on the school grounds. Our goal is to accentuate the social aspects of gardening through team building and leadership development. The proceeds of the plant sale will help fund many projects crucial for the continued sustainability of the greenhouse and other projects on the school grounds.

The Nature Fair will have the following components:

DISPLAYS FROM GROUPS/ORGANIZATIONS:

There will be several businesses, government agencies and non-profit groups that will provide educational displays. The children will be able to observe water and plant-to-food exhibits, live animals, birds, snakes and turtles.

Some of the exhibitors participating:

- Richmond Audubon
- The Science Museum of Virginia
- Dept. of Environmental Quality
- Dept. of Forestry
- The Science Place
- Chesterfield County Parks
- Friends of the Chesterfield Riverfront
- Jamestown 4-H Educational Center
- Virginia Farm Bureau
- Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries
- Rockwood Nature Center
- Richmond Rabbit Breeders Association
- Valentine Richmond History Center
- Wild Birds Unlimited
- Area Rehabbers Klub

CHILDREN'S HANDS ON AREA:

The children will have an opportunity to grow their own plants, go on a nature scavenger hunt, design their own cloud formations, make crafts and much more!

ACT OF NATURE:

There will be a roped off area where children will be able to role play scenarios based on nature and environmental topics. Examples: "WHALEcholocation", "Doin the Solar Spin", "I DROUGHT we will get rain today".

STUDENT AREA:

Crestwood Elementary School, James River High School and University of Richmond students will be providing their own exhibit area. Local Girl Scouts will also provide an exhibit on Virginia native plant species.

FISHING DERBY:

Local fisherman and Boy Scouts will host a fishing derby. Children will be able to fish at the lake located across the street from the school grounds.

MUSIC:

The Richmond Indigenous Gourd Orchestra will be playing original music on handmade instruments made from locally grown gourds. They will also bring their "gourd petting zoo" and have instruments for children to play.



Herb, Flower and Vegetable Plants For Sale in the Greenhouse

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