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Third Earth Day Festival Planned on Outer Banks

SYKO - Celebrate Earth Day on the Outer Banks on Saturday, April 26, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the UNC Coastal Studies Institute. A variety of local organizations are teaming up to offer this afternoon of free family fun for the third annual Earth Fair Festival. Come explore the UNC Coastal Studies Institute, both inside and out, and enjoy various hands-on environmental learning experiences. There will be something for all ages to enjoy and learn about science too.

Participate in activities offered throughout the event from kayaking, coastal crafts, live animal interactions and more. Just for participating you will get to enter a raffle for the chance to win prizes, including a free hang gliding lesson at Kitty Hawk Kites and a stand-up paddle board rental from Roanoke Island Outfitters.

Learn more about maritime resources by viewing entries from the "One Ocean" student film festival, organized by the Monitor National Marine Sanctuaries Youth Working Group.

Discover more about our environment from local experts including commercial fisherman Dewey Hemilright, researcher Lindsay Dubbs, and Christian Legner, curator of the N.C. Aquarium in Manteo.

The N.C. Coastal Federation, North Carolina Sea Grant, the National Park Service, the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary, N.C. State Parks and the UNC Coastal Studies Institute have teamed up to make this event possible. Be sure and stop by to learn what you can do to keep the Outer Banks clean and green.

The institute is at 850 N.C. 345 in Wanchese.

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About the North Carolina Coastal Federation:

"Working Together for a Healthy Coast"

The N.C. Coastal Federation is the state's only non-profit organization focused exclusively on protecting and restoring the coast of North Carolina through education, advocacy and habitat restoration and preservation. The federation's headquarters are at 3609 N.C. 24 in Ocean between Morehead City and Swansboro and the office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The federation also operates field offices in Wilmington and Manteo. For more information call 252.393.8185 or check our website at www.nccoast.org.

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