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Students encourage thinking "green" during Green Week

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KOKOMO, Ind. – Students at Indiana University Kokomo encourage the campus to “think green” next week as a variety of activities will take place that focus on helping the environment. The Kelley Student Center will become the hub of Green Week, beginning Monday, April 4, and running through Friday, April 8.

Sponsored by IMPACT - IU Kokomo’s first environmental organization on campus – Green Week focuses on educating students, faculty, staff, and the community on how to improve and protect the environment. Some events will be in the Alumni Hall, such as the first Kid’s Environmental Night.

“This year we added Kid’s Environmental Night because we wanted to focus not only on IU Kokomo’s students, but future students of the campus by educating the children in our community,” said IMPACT President Vince Lorenz. “We hope for a great turnout and hope the kids will have fun while learning the importance of being ‘Green.’ All activities are open to the public and we encourage anyone interested to attend.”

Each day will bring a different topic, but particularly on Thursday, April 7, area youth are invited to participate in fun activities, plus interact with Enviroscape – provided courtesy of Howard County Soil and Water Conservation District – to learn about different types of water pollution. In addition, children will receive environmental coloring books with a set of soy crayons. Healthy refreshments will be provided during a movie from 6 to 7:45 p.m.

IMPACT also plans to directly involve students, faculty, staff and members of the community in some creek clean up on campus.

“We also wanted a chance for students, staff, and the community to get their hands dirty by picking up trash in and along the creek behind campus from Washington to LaFountain streets,” said Lorenz.

Those interested in participating in the cleanup should wear clothing suitable for working outside and getting dirty and meet behind Hunt Hall at 8 a.m. on Friday, April 8. Donuts will be served before the cleanup and other refreshments will be served afterward. In addition to the creek cleanup, IU Kokomo faculty Leda Casey and Carrie Kinsey will be performing a water lab demonstration along the creek behind campus on Friday.

The complete schedule for Green Week is as follows:

Monday, April 4

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Charlie Skoog will be speaking on “Green” volunteer opportunities available throughout the community.

1 to 3 p.m. – Annn Ihmes of Criterion Water Labs, LLC, will demonstrate water testing at a booth set up by the bookstore.

5 to 6 p.m. – Travis Murphy of Johnson Melloh Solutions, Inc., will speak on alternative energy.

Tuesday, April 5

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Garry Hill, a member of Wildcat Guardians, will share a slide presentation and discuss his experiences while canoeing along the Wildcat Creek and freshwater mussels.

5 to 6 p.m. – Wildcat Guardians President Bob Hoshaw will discuss how to join the volunteer organization that focuses on protecting and improving Wildcat Creek in north central Indiana. He will also be showing a video.

Starting at 5:30 p.m. – Paul Watkins of Watkins Labs will host a technology recycling drive in which some technology equipment will be reused in schools and given to students who cannot afford computers.

Wednesday, April 6

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Howard County Commissioner Paul Wyman will discuss how Howard County is staying Green.

1 to 3 p.m. – Ann Ihmes of Criterion Water Labs, LLC will demonstrate water testing at a booth set up by the bookstore.

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. – Chris Rohaly of Green Alternatives will discuss alternative energy and its future usage.

Thursday, April 7

5 to 6 p.m. – Kid’s Environmental Night – local youth can learn more about water pollution and interact with Enviroscape, courtesy of the Howard County Soil and Water Conservation District. The hour will also include playing cornhole, coloring book, and crayons.

6 to 7:45 p.m. – Kids can watch a movie while enjoying healthy refreshments.

Friday, April 8

8 to 10 a.m. – IMPACT will head a cleanup of the creek behind campus, from Washington to LaFountain streets.

10 to 11 a.m. – IU Kokomo geology instructor Leda Casey and biology lab supervisor Carrie Kinsey will have a water lab demonstration along the creek behind campus.

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