

News release

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Gateway to hold popular Celebrate Earth Day again

'Green' demonstrations, activities and vendors featured at event

Gateway Technical College will once again put on its popular community Celebrate Earth Day 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at its Kenosha, Racine and Elkhorn campuses, featuring a number of earth-friendly activities, informational booths and children's crafts.

At the event, the public and communities served by the college can engage in the many hands-on demonstrations, family-friendly activities, vendors and informational opportunities that will show them how they can positively impact the environment.

For the entire event listing – including campus-specific activities – please go to <u>www.gtc.edu/earthday</u>.

Visitors at each of the three campuses will receive a reusable grocery bag, courtesy of event sponsor, Snap-on Incorporated, as well as a variety of other "green" focused items. The event is free and open to the public.

Activities starting at 9 a.m. on the Kenosha Campus include one at the Pike Creek Horticulture Center, a seminar on invasive garlic mustard and how to eradicate it – followed by work to put those skills into action to eliminate it from the Kenosha Campus; and on the Elkhorn Campus, an outdoor fitness course activity from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Racine activities also begin at 9 a.m.

While activities, demonstrations and displays will be tailored to each individual campus, most will have the following:

- Workshops and demonstrations. Examples include a solar-powered popcorn maker demonstration in Kenosha, an outdoor treasure hunt game in Racine and a presentation in Elkhorn comparing native landscaping to conventional landscaping.
- Children's activities. A number of hands-on children's activities, from face painting to puppet shows, will be offered at each campus. Examples include making egg carton animals in Racine, fishing out a "lake" to clean it out for aquatic animals in Kenosha and making child-friendly building kits in Elkhorn. There will also be horsedrawn, covered wagon rides at the Kenosha Campus.
- Computer data removal and electronics recycling. Gateway Information Technology students will provide a PC repair clinic on the Racine Campus and an area to recycle electronics on the Kenosha Campus. At Elkhorn, DP Electronic Recycling will accept all electronic devices for recycling.
- Informational booths. Non-profit environmental organizations will answer questions and offer general information.

Individual campus locations:

Elkhorn Campus, 400 County Road H

Kenosha Campus, 3520-30th Ave.

Racine Campus, 1001 S. Main St.

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Gateway Technical College collaborates with communities in Kenosha, Racine and Walworth counties to ensure economic growth and viability by providing education, training, leadership and technological resources to meet the changing needs of students, employers and communities.

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