



News release

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**Gateway hosting annual
Celebrate Earth Day event in Kenosha, Elkhorn**

Gateway Technical College will hold its 16th Annual Celebrate Earth Day, a community event featuring fun, hands-on activities for folks of all ages to learn how to be stewards of the environment.

Thousands have come to the celebration over the years, which has become the premiere environmental event in Southeast Wisconsin. It will be held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 20, on Gateway's Kenosha Campus, 3520-30th Ave., and Gateway's Elkhorn Campus, 400 County Road H, Elkhorn.

"From little children to adults, there's something for everyone to do and learn from at Celebrate Earth Day," said Abbie Ford, Gateway manager, community relations and communications. "The event continues to grow every year and spreads across our main campuses at two locations.

"This event provides a great way for us to help the community learn new skills to help everyone become better stewards of the environment, have fun and make a difference."

Ford points out that the event on the Kenosha Campus has expanded north from its traditional footprint to now include the Madrigano Conference Center.

The events are free and open to the public. For a full guide to all activities for the day at Kenosha Campus and Elkhorn Campus, please go to www.gtc.edu/earthday.

Kenosha Campus

The Kenosha event will continue with its popular children's climbing activity – weather permitting. During the event, there will also be a Pike Creek restoration project on the campus from 10 a.m. until noon. Those interested should meet at the Pike Creek Horticulture Center, where they will have the opportunity to help plant native plants for erosion control along the creek.

A few of the many activities on the Kenosha Campus include:

- Children's activities. Many children's activities will be held in the Center for Sustainable Living and the Pike Creek Horticulture Center.
- Electronics recycling. Attendees can drop off electronics, such as computers, printers, VCR and DVD players to be recycled. The event is being hosted by Gateway's IT Project Management class. They will also have tools available to destroy computer hard drives upon request.

Informational booths.

- Environmentally focused businesses and groups will be on hand from a number of sectors.

- Door prizes. Each family will have the opportunity to enter into a drawing to win a door prize.

Elkhorn Campus

The Elkhorn Campus will have a variety of activities, as well as environmentally focused booths from local experts. Attendees can also enter to win door prizes at the event.

A few of the specific events and features on the Elkhorn Campus include:

- Children's activities. Hands-on activities and more will be available to the younger attendees of the event.
- Electronics recycling. Attendees can drop off electronics, such as computers, printers, VCR and DVD players to be recycled. The event is being hosted by Gateway's IT Project Management class. They will also have tools available to destroy computer hard drives upon request.
- Informational booths. Environmentally focused businesses and groups will be on hand from a number of sectors.

Snap-on Incorporated will again support Celebrate Earth Day. Snap-on is a founding sponsor of Celebrate Earth Day and has supported the event since its creation.

For more information on the events at both campuses, please contact Abbie Ford, forda@gtc.edu or (262) 564-2936.

Gateway Technical College's mission is to deliver industry-focused education that is flexible, accessible and affordable for our diverse community. The 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.