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Fort Meade Celebrates Earth Day

EVENT: Earth Day Celebration Events

WHEN: April 18 to 22

WHERE: Several locations around Fort Meade.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Several events around Fort Meade will give the installation's residents the opportunity to do their part for the environment and locally celebrate Earth Day.

Earth Day events at Fort Meade kick off April 18 with a Clean Up Fort Meade event. This event brings soldiers and their families together to clean up the installation and at the same time win prizes for the most trash picked up and the most unusual piece of litter found.

Several events are geared towards instilling an appreciation for the environment in children.

On April 22, Earth Day itself, Fort Meade youths in grades Kindergarten through 12th grade will be given a tour around Burba Lake by environmental experts which focuses on highlighting local wildlife, plant life, as well as the history and future of the lake.

Preschool children at various Child Development Centers will clean out the facilities butterfly, vegetable and flower gardens while learning about the importance of recycling. The youngsters will be allowed to play in the dirt as they plant flowers and other foliage in areas around the facilities playground

On April 21, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. there will be an Environmental Town Hall meeting for residents and employees of Fort Meade to discuss ongoing Fort Meade issues and programs dealing with the environment.

DIRECTIONS: From state Route 295 North or South (Baltimore/Washington Parkway), take state Route 175 East exit. Continue east for two miles and turn right onto Reece Road. Access procedures can be found at www.ftmeade.army.mil.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: For more information, or if you are interested in attending this event, please contact Veronica Castro in the Fort Meade Public Affairs Office at (301) 677-1465/240-205-9065 or veronica.m.castro@us.army.mil