



Earthfest 2008

April 27, 2008 from 11-4 pm - Earthfest will be held at **Mountain Creek SOUTH** on Route 94 in Vernon. A fun-filled family day is planned, something for everyone! This wonderful day is planned and sponsored by Vernon Chamber of Commerce, Vernon Environmental Commission and Vernon Township Recreation.

In 1970 twenty million people celebrated the first Earth Day. Now, with the threat of global warming increasingly evident, environmental concerns are again at the top of all of our minds. Recognizing that sustaining our local environment is critical to our families, our businesses and our shared future, Vernon Township established Earthfest, where residents can come together to celebrate, protect and promote the stunning natural environment around us.

Sponsors for our performances are: Dairy Queen of New Jersey, Sussex Bank, Bobolink Dairy, Boz Electric, TM Brennan Contractors, Mountain Creek Associations, and Vernon Chamber of Commerce & Vernon Township.

- **Wolf Visions** –will dispel the myths and legends about wolves. These presentations provide information to develop a basic understanding of communication within a wolf pack and the social structure of the wolf family. Children's books and posters, and a slide show are used to supplement the discussion and there will be a Q&A period. The highlight of this program is the introduction of some of the center's live lupine canines!
- **Drum Circle**- interactive native music and dance. Come learn how to play the drums. A love for music and perhaps a belief that our music can somehow be used to change things for the better.
- **Snakes-N- Scales** - present environmental education programs for people of all ages, with an emphasis on learning through enjoyment. It is our philosophy and practice that people remember best what they enjoy. Therefore, if anyone, children or adults, are to learn desperately needed environmental values, ecology, conservation, respect for life on Earth or simply not to be afraid, they will learn it well if they enjoy it! Presents two interactive presentations called Sea Life Show & Strange World of Reptiles.
- **Wonderband** –Annie and her husband, Safari Bob present an interactive show that includes music inspired by the wonders of Nature.
- **Steve Charney** & Harry present Comedy, Magic, Music, Ventriloquism and much much more!
"Charney is a scholar of various types of lunacy" -from a profile in the "New Yorker" magazine

- **Close Encounters with Birds of Prey** – The Delaware Valley Raptor Center will bring five live raptors: a hawk, a falcon, two owls, and an eagle for a one hour talk covering predator/prey relationships, wildlife rehabilitation, specific adaptations of the birds present, and various issues facing wildlife today.
- **Town Clean Up** - The Vernon Dept. of Public Works will offer a bulk clean up. Vernon residents are encouraged to dispose of their bulk items at the DPW complex on Church Street. Items being accepted include tires, furniture, mattresses, and appliances. Check the website at www.vernontwp.com for details.
- **Student Programs** - A photography contest for **high school** students living in Vernon is also underway. The entries will be exhibited at Mountain Creek during Earthfest. Students in the **lower grades** will be submitting their art work that will be displayed at Earthfest.
- **Vendor Booths**-Many companies and organizations will have booths of information about the environment and more. Booth rental is available by contacting the Chamber of Commerce at 973-764-0764. Remember, space is limited and on a first come-first served basis.

.....and so much more!!!!

Volunteers and participants are very important to the success of Earthfest and all members of the community are encouraged to get involved. Interested in volunteering or joining the organizing committee? Call Melody Duffy at the Vernon Chamber of Commerce, at 973-764-0764. Local sponsors, businesses and non-profits are also sought.

www.vernonchamber.com.