



PRESS RELEASE

CELEBRATE SPRING AND EARTH DAY AT TIFFT NATURE PRESERVE

Buffalo, NY (April 6, 2011) – Tift Nature Preserve is the place to be to welcome spring and celebrate our earth this April! An *Earth Day Clean-up*, *Earth Day Celebration* and *Spring Egg-stravaganza!* are planned between Saturday, April 16 and Friday, April 22 at Tift Nature Preserve, the environmental education site of the Buffalo Museum of Science.



- **EARTH DAY CLEANUP**
Saturday, April 16 9AM - 12PM
FREE!

Join in on a clean-up of the preserve as part of the Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper Spring Clean-up. People of all ages are invited to join the effort in cleaning up trash blown in from Lake Erie's strong prevailing winds and help get the preserve ready for the busy spring and summer seasons. All registered participants will receive a re-useable water bottle as well as a snack and beverage. To register, visit www.bnriverkeeper.org or call 716-825-6397.

- **FRIENDS OF TIFFT EARTH DAY CELEBRATION**
Sunday, April 17 1 - 4PM
FREE!

Families can drop in for craft activities using recycled items, a children's scavenger hunt, environmental activities and information, live animals with Messinger Woods Wildlife Care and Education Center, tours of the preserve, and local exhibitors including grow WNY and Buffalo ReUse. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase.

- **SPRING EGG-STRAVAGANZA!**
Friday, April 22 10AM – 2PM
Non-Members: \$7 per person; Museum Members save 10%

Earth Day events will culminate on April 22 - the actual date designated as Earth Day to inspire awareness and appreciation for the Earth's natural environment - to inspire awareness and appreciation for the Earth's natural environment. Families can drop in anytime for an environmentally friendly celebration of Spring and animals that hatch from eggs. Start a tradition with your kids and drop in for an hour or two or three for an egg-stremely fun time!

Admission fee covers egg dying featuring natural egg dyes made from nuts, berries, and vegetables (bring your own hard boiled eggs – 6 per person maximum), recycled spring crafts, signs of spring nature walks, live animals and insects that hatch from eggs, and more! Every child will receive a *Picture Me Green!* book featuring tips on what they can do to help our environment. Abundant natural and recycled materials will be supplied – just bring eggs and take your creativity to the egg-streme! Egg-cellent pizza, popcorn, and refreshments will be available for purchase.

Tift Nature Preserve, a 264-acre urban wetland preserve on reclaimed former industrial land, is located at 1200 Fuhrmann Boulevard in Buffalo. For further information, please call Tift Nature Preserve at 716-825-6397 or visit the Buffalo Museum of Science website at www.sciencebuff.org.

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