



The Lower Merion Conservancy presents:

22nd Annual Children's Earth Day Forest

Theme: Pollinator Paradise

April 26, 2014

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Rolling Hill Park Gladwyne

Free!



Join the Conservancy in celebrating this community tradition in Rolling Hill Park!

This year visitors to the forest will have the opportunity to plant native pollinator plants, enjoy a show from Bear Mountain Butterfly Sanctuary, and much more!

*We Invite You to Build A Display for This Year's Event!
With a little creativity and a whole lot of fun
you too can be a part of the tradition!*

2014 Theme: Pollinator Paradise!

Pollinators are important to us in so many ways. As pollinators collect nectar they are also gathering pollen and moving that pollen from plant to plant. They not only help the flowers in our gardens but they help the crops that produce the food we eat.

This year, we are asking you to learn about our local native pollinators and the plants that support them! Pollinators such as, honey bees, hummingbirds and bats (only to name a few) all have different needs and preferences when it comes to the food they eat!

Any classroom, school group, organization, or family can participate.



What is Children's Earth Day Forest?

- It's a free event!

If the participants would like, The Conservancy supplies them with a carpet tube and tree stand.

- Students use the 6 foot carpet tube to create a life-like rendition of a native pollinator tree or to make a native pollinator garden.
- Students research and create life-like models of the plants and animals that live in Pennsylvania using whatever materials they deem appropriate. Recycled and reused materials are highly recommended.
- The tree(s) and surrounding plants and animals are combined with the work of hundreds of other students to create the Children's Earth Day Forest at Rolling Hill Park.



2014 Project Focus:

Native pollinator plants and animals that share where we live!

Ages: All ages and grade levels

We encourage participants to build a life-size tree but participants can also let their imagination go wild and create a display of your own design.

Take a photo, paint a picture, write a poem or create in any medium to express pollinators and pollinator plants.

Goals:

1. Learn about the pollinators and pollinator plants and trees that are parts of our local environment
2. Create a native pollinator tree(s) complete with the animals that benefit from it.
3. Identify some issues that may be hurting our pollinators.
4. What happens to the pollinators in the winter?
5. How can we help pollinators?

If using another medium, consider these ideas:

1. Why are pollinators so important?
2. Share some of the news about the issues that pollinators are facing!
3. Research the little steps that everyone could take to help pollinators.

Guidelines for Everyone!

- Using Conservancy-provided resources and your own research, make your native tree(s), plants and animals as life-like as possible.
 - Keep it local! Try to only displays plants and animals that your students would find where they live!
 - Label everything with its common name.
- Be creative and let us know if you'd like to include animal sounds (you could use a cd player) or if you have other needs.
 - Students should create one poster/visual display per class (to keep papers from obscuring your amazing plants and animals).
- Bring a class picture or a picture of your class to display with the tree! They worked hard so they deserve to show it off!
- The kick-off to the event will began at 10:00 a.m. on April 26, 2014. All participants are expected to attend!

How Do I Enter?

[Click Here to Register](#)

or

Call Chelsea Heck, Education Coordinator,
at the Conservancy
(610) 645-9030



The Conservancy delivers your free tree stand and tree trunk. We are also happy to share past photos and ideas with you.

***An entry is defined as one tree with its accompanying plants and animals.**