



Oxbow Eco-Center presents  
**The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day Festival**  
**“Growing Green Together”**

Saturday, April 18, 2009  
10:00am-3:00pm  
FREE

Join the **Oxbow Eco-Center’s 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day Festival on April 18<sup>th</sup>** and learn how we can ‘grow green together’ here in St. Lucie County. This free event is packed with fun for the whole family, including live animals, an eco-challenge, reggae music by INJOY, and even a wildlife parade!

## Growing Green Together

This year’s festival focuses on ‘**Growing Green Together**’ and includes a plethora of ideas on how you can do your part to conserve and act sustainably. Visit the Healthy Home, and learn from talented Indian River State College students just how easy it is to go green in every room of your house. You’ll get some tips on alternatives to harsh chemicals for cleaning and gardening, what to look for when choosing the food you feed your family, and how to create a healthy indoor environment at home and at work.



Dozens of exhibitors will be on-hand to demonstrate the [slow food movement](#), alternative energy, water harvesting and conservation, and planting wild and native landscapes. Be sure to visit the [Ft. Pierce Utility Authority](#) booth and see the difference a light bulb can make. Then make the commitment to [CHANGE A LIGHT](#) and receive a FREE compact fluorescent bulb to take home (quantities limited).

Explore alternative energies like solar, water, wind, and human! Solar Energy Systems, Inc. will be on hand to answer your questions about adding solar to a new or existing home.

## Wildlife Parade & Kids’ Crafts

Do you have a favorite animal and like dancing in the woods? Then make a wildlife mask or puppet with some recycled treasures at **Crafty Corners** or bring one from home along with a musical instrument and join the “**Salute to Wildlife**” **Parade**. We are really pleased to be highlighting some of our local youth as the musical troupe of [Future Generations, Inc.](#) performs on stage at 11:00 am and leads our first wildlife parade. Future Generations gives underprivileged youth instruments and music lessons to help inspire confidence and creativity.

Follow the beat of the incredible [Boys and Girls Club DRUM LINE](#) performing on stage at 1:00 pm, and then leading the afternoon parade through the Oxbow forest. This is your chance to express your wild side!

Want to learn more about your animal? Go to [Animal Diversity](#) and find out more



## Musical Entertainment

Get in a 'One World' mood with local reggae band [Injoy](#). 10:00 am; 12:00 noon; 2:00 pm

[Future Generations, Inc. Musical Troupe](#) 11:00 am on stage. 11:15 Wildlife Parade  
A 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, Future Generations is devoted to making quality music education available to underprivileged children. By providing free music lessons in a safe and constructive environment Future Generations Inc. has been a leading example of the positive impact that the study of music has on the social and intellectual development of children desperate for self-expression. The lessons learned through their programs enable students to gain leadership skills such as responsibility, self-discipline, and communication.



[Boys and Girls Club DRUM LINE](#) 1:00 pm on stage; 1:15 Wildlife Parade

The Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving the youth of the community by providing a safe place to learn and grow, as well as life enhancing programs and character developing experiences. The club strives to enable all members, regardless of circumstance, to realize their full potential as caring, responsible and productive members of the community.

## Visit Florida's Wildlife

This year's festival is sure to delight kids of all ages! The [Treasure Coast Wildlife Center](#) will be on-hand with some of their beautiful **birds of prey**, while the [St. Lucie Regional Herpetological Society](#) will have dozens of **reptiles and amphibians** -- always a favorite at Earth Day.



## Take the Eco-Challenge

Don't forget to test your nature acumen by taking the **Eco-Challenge**. Start by picking up your game card at the Oxbow Welcome tent. Then, follow the Earth Flags through the festival grounds to find the Challenge questions and learn a new Earth-friendly fact. Answer all the questions and win a prize!

## Keeping It Green Campaign

Enjoy the "Keep It Green" signs placed around the festival area to encourage visitors to dispose of trash and recycling in containers provided. Oxbow "Keep It Green" volunteers will be walking the festival area recognizing those making an effort to keep our festival green.

