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Exhibitors added to Earth Fest

Earth Festival 2008 will be held Saturday at Milford Central School, featuring wildlife, recycling, natural food, live music and more. Exhibitors recently added to the agenda include Empire Recycling, Oneonta's Center for Agricultural Development and Entrepreneurship, and the Energy Bike.

Confidata mobile shredding service, a division of Empire Recycling Corp. of Utica, will offer secure document destruction to individuals at no charge. Personal, private papers will be shredded for recycling on the spot.

The Energy Bike is a stationary bike, but its rear wheel is connected to a generator that powers a variety of electrical items. Riders can learn how different electrical objects and their levels of energy efficiency require different amounts of energy.

In addition to the Energy Bike, many other educational and entertaining presentations will be featured throughout the day, presenters said. Otego resident Sy Lloyd will overview adaptations, natural history and forensic findings through his display of articulated animal skeletons, which he began collecting as a child. Wildlife Learning Co. will bring its Marine Touch Tank and "Raptors of Central New York" presentation, and Mary Peterson will lead participants in her Amazable Science Adventures. The Center for Agricultural Development and Entrepreneurship will serve local grass-fed beef burgers from Sunset View Farm.

Earth Festival exhibitors and vendors will also include Adirondack Mountain Club, Susquehanna Chapter; Cinnamon Roasted Nut Co.; Cooperstown Farmers' Market; Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society; Gilson's Native American Crafts; Hare and Feather Farm; Heller Farms; Italian Cookie Home; Landis Arboretum; Lions Club of Cooperstown; Mirabito Fuel Group; Oneonta Federated Garden Club; Oneonta Susquehanna Greenway; Oneonta High School Environmental Club; Otsego 2000; Otsego County Conservation Association; Otsego Lake Association; Otsego Land Trust; Quirky Works Studio; The TePee; and the United Methodist Women's Green Team.

Musical entertainment will be provided by The Bard Rocks, Roland Vinyard and Emilio Benites. Eco/Art/Trendy Trash Contest entries will be on display, and a silent auction will be held, all proceeds of which go toward the cost of producing the event.

Presented by the Environmental Education Network of Otsego County, Earth Festival 2008 is sponsored by Wildlife Learning Co. in cooperation with Otsego 2000 and Otsego County Conservation Association.

EENOC has issued an open invitation to earth-friendly exhibitors, food and retail vendors, and workshop presenters, and continues to seek Earth Festival supporters and participants. Financial contributions are also being accepted.

Call Susan O'Handley at 293-6043 or visit

www.eenoc.org for more information.