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Earth Day events to be held at FLW

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – The Fort Leonard Wood Garrison Command is set to host several events for Earth Day, Wednesday.

The theme for this year’s celebration is “It’s Your Environment – Get Into It.”

The Earth Day events are designed to educate and get community members into the environment, mentally and physically. Fort Leonard Wood offers some of the most diverse and natural ecosystems in the country.

The following is a list of scheduled events:

- **Mussels, Hellbenders and Bats** anytime between 1 and 3 p.m. at the Big Piney Bridge. Bring your questions about endangered species or wildlife biology in general and enjoy the view from the bridge of Big Piney River and the Water Intake Weir, a popular and very relaxing fishing spot. For more information, contact Kenton Lohraff at 573.596.0131, ext. 67605.

- **Pre-Columbian Native Americans** anytime between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Miller Cave. Come and see the home on Fort Leonard Wood once occupied by American Indians, the Miller Cave Complex. Bring your best hiking shoes and your questions for the subject matter expert. It is a short but difficult hike; no high-heeled shoes or children younger than 10.

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If you come after 11 a.m., go to the cave. For more information, contact Joe Proffitt at 573.596.0131, ext. 63742.

- **Fort Leonard Wood Cultural Resources**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rolling Heath School, the one-room schoolhouse that predates the installation. View a display of cultural artifacts and photos. A subject matter expert will be on hand to discuss cultural resources on the installation and answer questions. Have an artifact you want to ask questions about? Bring it. For more information, contact Stephanie Nutt at 573.596.0131, ext. 67607.

- **Recycle**, 1 to 3 p.m. at the Recycle Center, Building 2549. So where do all the recyclables go anyway? Stop by the Fort Leonard Wood Recycle Center and see. Drop your recyclables off while you're there. For more information, contact Craig French at 573.596.0131, ext. 61385.

- **Cool, Clean Drinking Water Event**, 9 a.m. at the Water Treatment Plant, Building 1601. This tour is limited to the first 20 people. Tour the drinking water plant and see how it's made fresh every day. For more information, contact Carl Stenger, at 573.596.0131, ext. 63723.

- **Flush. Flush Again**, 2 p.m. at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Building 185. Where does wastewater go? How is it treated? This is your one chance in a lifetime to tour a real, live wastewater treatment plant. Tour is limited to the first 20 people. For more information, contact Stenger at 573.596.0131, ext. 63723.

- **Chemical Wastes**, 9 to 10 a.m. at the Hazardous Waste 90-day Storage, Building 2229. Environmental experts pick it up, package it, handle it, and transport it for safe and proper treatment, storage and disposal. Stop by the 90-day hazardous waste storage facility and get tips on how to generate less of it at home and at work. For more information, contact Chad Strain at 573.329.8532 or Shannon Cain, 573.596.0131, ext. 61158.

- **Karst**, anytime from 1 to 3 p.m. at Sandstone Spring. The ground you are standing on is dissolving out from under you. Stop by and learn about the Ozark Plateau, springs, sinkholes and caves. For more information, contact Mark Lenox at 573.596.0131, ext. 63724.

- **Hunting and Fishing** information anytime between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Outdoor Adventure Center. Hunting and fishing opportunities abound on Fort Leonard Wood, and we have a subject matter expert who can tell you all the best places. Bring your questions and your own hunting and fishing stories. For more information, contact Thomas Glueck at 573.596.0131, ext. 62814.

- **Hug a Proverbial Tree**, anytime from 9 to 11 a.m. at Training Area 194. Fort Leonard Wood's forester will be at TA 194 to discuss Zen and the art of forest management.

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He might also talk about prescribed burns or how to make beer out of pine needles too – you never know. Wear your finest forest-walking shoes. For more info contact Steve Thurman at 573.563.0131, ext. 60871.

- **Trout Stocking**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Stone Mill Spring (trout will be stocked at 11 a.m.). Ask any questions you have about fish biology or trout. Come back at 5 p.m. (on your own) and catch them. For more information, contact Daphne Kampinga at 573.596.0131, ext. 67604.

- **Ways to Use Green Space**, anytime from 1 to 3 p.m. at the AIT Water Quality Area by Michigan and Minnesota avenues. Low Impact Development isn't just fancy landscaping, it's a simple and effective way to use green space, native plants and natural hydrologic functions to reduce runoff, improve water quality, and support wildlife. For more information contact French at 573.563.0131, ext. 61385.

- **Outdoor Adventure Center Information**, anytime from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Stop by and see what they have to offer: hunting/fishing permits, canoe rentals, trap and skeet shooting and archery. For more information contact the OAC at 573.596.0131, ext. 64223.

- **Get Some Air**, anytime from 10 a.m. to noon at Forney Airfield (gravel lot north of Building 5015.) Did you know that Fort Leonard Wood does some sophisticated air monitoring to make sure air stays clean? Stop by Forney Field for a breath of fresh air and to see the equipment that tells us it's clean. For more information, contact Steve Flier at 573.596.0131, ext. 60005.

- **E-waste Recycle**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at Nutter Field House Parking Lot. Do the planet a favor; bring old electronics and your small batteries from home for recycling. For more information, contact French at 573.596.0131, ext. 61385 or Shannon Cain at ext. 61158.

The events are open to the public.

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Media interested in covering the Earth Day events, should contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at 573.563.4145, no later than 4:30 p.m., Tuesday.

About Fort Leonard Wood

Fort Leonard Wood is a thriving and prosperous installation that has evolved from a small basic training post 70 years ago to a premier Army Center of Excellence that trains about 80,000 military and civilians each year.

Home to the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood now trains and educates service members and develops doctrine and capabilities for the Training and Doctrine Command's U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School, U.S. Army Engineer School, and U.S. Army Military Police School, three gender integrated Initial Military Training brigades, and the Army's largest Noncommissioned Officers Academy.

Over the past several years, Fort Leonard Wood has received numerous additional responsibilities to include supporting the 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, a large Forces Command unit that is responsible for all deployable capabilities at Fort Leonard Wood. A colonel-commanded Marine Corps Detachment and an Air Force Detachment, which are both the largest on any Army installation, are located on Fort Leonard Wood; a large Navy Seabee Detachment and elements of the Coast Guard train here as well.
