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For Immediate Release:

In Celebration of Earth Day *Wehr Nature Center Offers Family-Friendly Event*

Milwaukee, WI (April 4, 2013) – “In Celebration of Earth Day,” a day filled with earth- and family-friendly activities, is coming to Wehr Nature Center, Sunday, April 21, noon-4 p.m. Located in Whitnall Park at 9701 W. College Ave., Wehr is the primary environmental education center of the Milwaukee County Parks and is offering this opportunity to get outdoors, to welcome spring, to connect with nature, to learn to live more lightly on the Earth, *and* to adopt a tree to take home—while supplies last.

Featured in this year’s event are a presentation by Kohl’s Wild Theater, a vintage manual typewriter “Type-In,” walks led by guides pointing out signs of spring and the wonders of nature, papermaking, “recycled” crafts, and sustainability displays, including the first commercially available, zero-emissions, *all*-electric, plug-in passenger car.

Free with admission is the Kohl's Wild Theater performance. In 40 minutes, the troupe will present two interactive plays featuring Wisconsin-animal characters. Detective Appletree will explore Wisconsin's forests and waters in "The Strange Case of the Alien Invasion," and Jonathan Batfield will perform in "The Legend of Hibernacula," a musical about the benefits of bats. Through this fun performance, families will learn about Wisconsin habitats, invasive species, adaptations, and what actions can be taken to protect Wisconsin's wildlife.

To reduce their carbon footprint in getting to the event, visitors are encouraged to ride their bikes. A group bike ride to Wehr is being hosted and led by South Shore Cyclery of Cudahy. The group ride, "Keep Pedaling: Oak Leaf Discovery Tour," starts at South Shore Cyclery at 11 a.m. and takes the Oak Leaf Trail to Wehr.

The Oak Leaf Discovery Tour is a spring-through-fall, biking, running, or walking tour with stops at 16 parks where participants can explore the park and collect unique stamps in a passport.

The “Keep Pedaling” ride to Wehr is the first of many scheduled.

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General admission to In Celebration of Earth day is \$2 per person. Friends of Wehr admission is \$1 per member. The parking fee is \$3 per car. There is no parking fee for bicycles.

“In Celebration of Earth Day” commemorates the 43rd anniversary of Earth Day, founded by Wisconsin’s Senator Gaylord Nelson in 1970.

For more information on the Earth Day event, go to countyparks.com or call Wehr Nature Center at (414) 425-8550.

For more information on the group ride to Wehr, "Keep Pedaling: Oak Leaf Discovery Tour," go to southshorecyclery.com/ or call South Shore Cyclery at (414) 831-0211.

To learn more about the Oak Leaf Discovery Tour, go to <http://www.parkpeoplemke.org/oak-leaf-discovery-tour-2013> or call the Park People at (414) 273-7275.

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