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**Earth Walk:
An Educational Stroll
through Bidwell Park**

Saturday, May 5
9 - 11 am

We are pleased to announce that we are hosting our first annual Earth Walk: An Educational Stroll through the Park, a walk-a-thon to raise funds to help keep the Endangered Species Faire free! The walk will take place the morning of the Endangered Species Faire, starting at the Nature Center, ending at Cedar Grove just in time for the Faire.

Along the way there will be fun Education Stations teaching kids and families about the creek, the park, bike safety, horse safety, animals and more!

Participants will receive a t-shirt, refreshments, and will be entered to win prizes after visiting all Education Stations. You are also invited to join us for an evening BBQ from 5-7pm.

BEC has been hosting the Endangered Species Faire for 33 years. We want to keep it

Dear Robyn,

Earth Day is this Sunday and we've been pretty busy here at BEC! Take a look at some of the things we've been working on and come celebrate the spring season with us.

Earth Day: Party With the Planet

Sunday, April 22 from 4-7pm, downtown Chico Plaza

Come celebrate Earth Day and get a chance to win great sustainable prizes! Join us for live band performances, face painting, free pedal powered smoothies, crafts, food, juggling, activities for the whole family and much more!

Featured Bands:

**Brass Hysteria
Soul Butter
the Resonators**

Let's "Party with the Planet" on national Earth Day and appreciate the Earth together! For more information, please contact the BEC office at (530) 891-6424.

Environmental Footprint of War

Sunday, April 29: Presentation & Film "Scarred Lands"

*Co-sponsored by Chico Peace & Justice Center
and the Butte Environmental Council*

Photo Essay: "What We Are Leaving Behind in Iraq" Michael Fitzpatrick is a CSUC student and two tour veteran of the U.S. War in Iraq. His documentary presents photos and stories of the environmental destruction caused by the wars in Iraq. Michael will also host Alice and Lincoln Days' film: "Scarred Lands and Wounded Lives: The Environmental Footprint of War". Brief Discussion Follows. Donation Requested. Free Popcorn.

[Facebook Event link](#)



free to the public. This is your opportunity to show your support for the legacy of the Endangered Species Faire. Please come support BEC and walk to keep the faire free! Questions? Call Sarah or Robyn at 891-6424 or email robynd@becprotects.org

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Scarred Lands and Wounded Lives - Trailer

33rd Annual Endangered Species Faire

Saturday, May 5 from 10am - 4pm in Cedar Grove, Bidwell Park

This FREE event is fun for people of all ages and is held outdoors in beautiful Cedar Grove in lower Bidwell Park. There will be interactive educational activities, local music, live animals, food vendors, a parade, and stage entertainment all day long.

Please walk, ride a bike, or take the bus if you can. Parking is limited. More information is available at www.endangeredspeciesfaire.org or give us a call at (530) 891-6424. Hope to see you there!!!

BEC Dioxin workshops in Oroville

BEC staff created a presentation on dioxins, giving a brief history of the Koppers Superfund site in Oroville, an introduction to dioxins (where they come from, how they affect human health), BEC's testing results, and ways to reduce exposure to dioxins. The presentation will also be offered at the Oroville Library for area residents on the following dates:

Tuesday, May 15th 11:00 AM

Monday, June 4th 6:30 PM

The Oroville Library is located at 1820 Mitchell Ave in Oroville. Phone # for the library is 530-538-7525. Attendance is free and open to anyone. For more information, contact BEC at 891-6426. [Click here for workshop flier](#)

Timber Harvest Plan Workshop:

Need 10 Participants to fight local clear cutting

Want to know how you can be involved in curtailing local clear cutting? Become a Timber Harvest Plan Tracker! Learn to use resources to find out where Timber Harvest Plans (THPs) are planned near your neighborhood. Learn about THPs and where to go, to visit private lands logging operations, so you can gather photos and help monitor impacts of clearcutting.

BEC and the **Sierra Club Yahi Group** are co-sponsoring a full day training with EPIC Industrial Forestry Reform Advocate, Rob DiPerna from Arcata on formal Timber Harvest Plan comments. In order to secure this workshop, we need 10 activists to commit.

if you are interested in joining fellow advocates in saving our forests, please contact Skye Li at skyeli.peace.justice@gmail.com

We will announce a date and time once we have 10 people committed to participating. Class is FREE and open to the public however, donations are being accepted for trainer's meals and bus fare.

For more about clear cutting in California please visit www.stopclearcuttingcalifornia.org and for more information on becoming a Timber Harvest Tracker you can visit <http://www.thptrackingcenter.org/>

BEC Supports Chico's Bag Ordinance

The BEC Advocacy Committee has voiced support to the drafting and implementation of the City of Chico's Ordinance to restrict the free distribution of single-use plastic bags.

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Please forward this message to a friend who might be interested in getting involved with BEC or attending one of our events.

Sincerely,

Robyn DiFalco
Butte Environmental Council

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