



KSB eNews Today

Celebrating Our First 50 Years

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Dear Friend,

Here's a few more Earth Day Celebrations happening during the month of April.

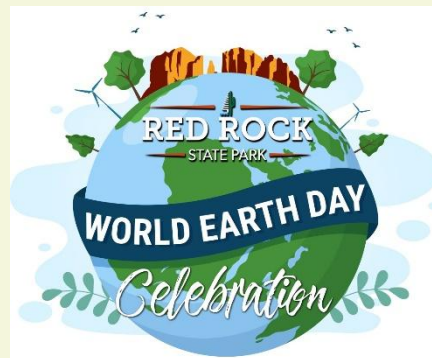


April 25, 2026

Sign-Up for the STEP Tool Fix-It Clinic

Click image above for details

This program will offer opportunities for participants to repair items that otherwise would be discarded. Tools from the STEP inventory will be used. Volunteers will safely use tools to help participants do simple repairs.



Earth Day Celebration at Red Rock State Park - FREE Admission from

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Red Rock State Park

Saturday April 18, 2026

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

This event features live wildlife presentations, nature hikes, booths, games, prizes, kids crafts, and much more!

Everyone is highly encouraged to sign up for a time slot here. Walk in assistance is not guaranteed.

Knife sharpening has its own slot. Only two knives per slot and no scissors.

Sedona's Tools Empowering People (STEP) is a project to bring our community together through sharing of tools. Borrow or donate tools. Join the STEP volunteer team and be part of the global movement to reduce waste and put underused tools to work! It is a movement to create culture of sharing and inclusivity by offering access to tools, education and more.

Learn from our community partners how we can all take action to protect our planet, and come to experience the plants, animals, and beautiful landscapes we can all work to protect.

- 8:00 AM - Bird Walk*
- 10:00 AM - Guided Nature Walk
- 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM - Seed potting, clay pinch pot making, and craft activities.
- 10:30 AM - Owl Presentation with Western Screech-Owl**
- 11:30 AM - Reptile Presentation with Sonoran Reptiles**
- 12:30 PM - Geology Hike**

*** Regular park entry fees apply before 9:30 AM**

****Limited Space--Visit the Greeting Booth during the event to reserve a spot.**



GET INTO NATURE!

BioBlitz JOIN US FOR THE 6TH ANNUAL VERDE BIOBLITZ!

April 20-May 3

The Verde Valley BioBlitz is a community effort to document plants and wildlife across the watershed from April 20-May 3. Observations anywhere in the watershed—from Flagstaff to Phoenix and Prescott to Payson—count!

To participate, snap a photo and upload it to the iNaturalist app. Observations anywhere in the watershed—from Flagstaff to Phoenix and Prescott to Payson—count!

We're especially looking for invasive species like giant reed, tamarisk, tree of heaven, Russian olive, fountain grass, Siberian elm, and pampas grass. Your sightings help us locate and remove invasions early. Native species observations are valuable too—so get outside and start documenting!

Friends of the Verde River

<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/verde-bioblitz-2026>

City Nature Challenge **April 24-27**

The City Nature Challenge is broken into making iNaturalist observations from April 24 - 27, 2026, then an identification period from April 28 - May 10, 2026. This event encourages cities from all over the globe in collaborative citizen science to see what can be accomplished when we all work toward a common goal of documenting species and engaging people in our local communities. All you need to do is take photos of any wild species you see in your yard, local parks, local nature preserves, in suburban or urban areas within the Verde Valley. Questions? Contact EBanuelos@cityofsedonaaz.gov or call 928.203.3113.

<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/city-nature-challenge-2026-sedona>

Extra Events

April 27, 8-9:15am
Bird walk with Northern Arizona Audubon Society at the Sedona Wetlands

May 2, 12-3pm
ID party at the Community Library Sedona

SEDONA RECYCLES, INC.

YOU'RE INVITED!

EARTH DAY RIBBON CUTTING: BALER GRAND REVEAL + FUNDRAISER

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND • 11am - 2pm
2280 Shelby Drive
Sedona, Arizona 86336

- Sedona Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting from 12-12:30
- Local sustainability vendors
- Meet the founders
- Recycle facility tours
- Fundraising prizes
- Q&A with Sedona Recycles President, Doug Copp

Join us as we officially unveil our new baler and celebrate Earth Day together!

This baler project has been a true collective effort, and we're excited to share it with you. As we celebrate this milestone, we're inviting supporters to invest in the continued strength of Sedona Recycles. Rebuilding our financial reserves ensures we can maintain equipment, navigate market shifts, and remain financially sound for years to come. Donors will receive special thank-you gifts at the event.

Come tour the recycling facility, see the baler, connect with local sustainability organizations, and spend the afternoon with neighbors who care about our planet.

Let's celebrate what we've built and the future we're creating together.

RSVP here 

sedonarecycles.org/earthday

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY WITH THE SEDONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & SEDONA RECYCLES FOUNDERS
Reveal of the new baler
12-12:30PM

TOURS GUIDED BY DOUG COPP
Please wear closed-toed shoes
11AM-1PM

PARKING IS VERY LIMITED. PLEASE CONSIDER WALKING, BIKING, OR CARPOOLING IF POSSIBLE
Overflow parking at Sunset Park



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Earth Day is Wednesday April 22, 2026. But there's plenty of activities all during the month of April.

Click above images for details and QR codes

Sedona Recycles has an Earth Day event on April 22nd and you're invited!

On Wednesday, April 22 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm, we're hosting an Earth Day Ribbon Cutting & Community Celebration to unveil our new baler and bring together some of the amazing sustainability partners in our community.

This is extra special because all three of our founders – Sandy Moriarty, Kate Blevins, and Rayna Griffin – will be there and together for the first time in many years!

We'll have:

- A Sedona Chamber ribbon cutting (12:00–12:30)
- Facility tours and behind-the-scenes look at recycling operations
- Local sustainability organizations to connect with
- Refreshments provided by ChocolaTree and a fun, welcoming community atmosphere
- A chance to support Sedona Recycles as we rebuild reserves after this major equipment investment

This baler represents a huge step forward for our ability to serve the community—and Earth Day felt like the perfect moment to celebrate that progress together.

The City of Sedona's Sustainability Department assisted by current AmeriCorps members are hosting upcoming events.

The events surround a **bioblitz called the City Nature Challenge**, taking place **April 24th-May 10**. This is a global biological survey done annually on iNaturalist that encourages cities from all over the globe in collaborative citizen science through documenting species in our local communities.

The events I'll be hosting are:

- **Monday April 27th from 8am-9:15am at the Sedona Wetlands.** It'll be a beginner-friendly bird walk in partnership with Northern Arizona Audubon Society.
- **Saturday May 2nd from 12:00pm - 3:00pm at the Community Library Sedona.** This event aims to provide an opportunity to upload and identify observations onto our iNaturalist project. Participants are encouraged to bring laptops, or use computers in the library, to access the iNaturalist platform.



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