

Earth Day at Fort Detrick

Fort Detrick held their annual Earth Day celebration on April 5th, 2007. Participants included the U.S. Army Environmental Command, Maryland Department of the Environment, Catocin Zoo, the Ft. Detrick Hazard Response Unit, Strawberry Hill Nature Center, and University of Maryland. There were over 25 vendors in attendance overall.

The day started with a theatrical presentation of "A Rainforest Adventure" by the Fun Company. The musical presentation was about a young Baltimore Oriole named Cal who loses his way during the yearly migration. Through his adventures, spectators learn of the many dangers facing the rainforest today. This presentation was a wonderfully entertaining way of teaching about the rainforest and the species that make the rainforest a home.

There were vendor booths set-up, a hybrid vehicle display, and environmental movies played throughout the day. Popcorn was served in biodegradable bowls for the viewers. T-shirts made from recycled materials and Earth Friendly reusable grocery bags were prizes for answering environmentally based questions. Animals such as owls, snakes, hissing cockroaches, and chinchillas were on hand for children and adults to observe and learn about. Face Painters and balloon artists designed fun things for the children to enjoy as attendees made their way thru the array of interesting and educational displays.

To extend the celebration to other parts of the community, the Youth Services and the Child Development center also designed Earth Day grocery bags that were sent to the PX and used on April 22nd, 2007.