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### **MILLER PARK ZOO HOSTS PARTY FOR THE PLANET EVENTS IN APRIL**

Bloomington, IL – Miller Park Zoo is set to host several special events this month to help promote their Party for the Planet campaign.

New this year is the **Party for the Planet Recycled Art Sculpture Contest**. Submissions are being accepted now at the Zoo until Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The idea is to use recycled materials (plastic containers, paper, wood etc.) to build an art sculpture. We are asking that the theme for your sculpture be an animal form. There will also be a prize "TBD" for 3 age brackets. Bring your sculpture to the Zoo to be put on display and voted on by our guests at our Party for the Planet-Earth Day event. Please email Silvia Schuh at [sschuh@cityblm.org](mailto:sschuh@cityblm.org) to register or more information.

Miller Park Zoo will celebrate **Earth Day with Party for the Planet** on Saturday, April 23 from 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM.

There will be various activities going on throughout the Zoo that will offer an opportunity to learn more about caring for this amazing planet we call home! Also, guests will help vote for the best recycled art sculpture.

Party for the Planet is an event held at Association of Zoos and Aquarium facilities throughout the country. Miller Park Zoo uses this event to show guests how they can lead ecofriendly and healthy lifestyles from within our community. Enjoy meeting local community organizations who support environmental education, service, and recreation.

The event is free with Zoo admission. Admission to Miller Park Zoo for youths (ages 3-12) and seniors (60 and better) & military is \$5.95 per person, and adult admission is \$6.95 per person. Admission for children under 2 is free. Parking is also free.

Don't forget **The Great Clean Up!** Is happening on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. In honor of Party for the Planet we are offering a parks cleanup day. Grab a pair of gloves (we will provide if needed) and come out and meet the folks who keep up our parks and get the opportunity to help the community. This project is for all ages. All participants will receive a free ticket good for 1 drink from the Zoo's concession stand or a free carousel ride.

Miller Park Zoo is located in Miller Park at 1020 S. Morris Ave. Bloomington, Illinois. For more information on Zoo events phone (309) 434-2250 or go online at [MillerParksZoo.org](http://MillerParksZoo.org)

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