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EARTH DAY CARNIVAL HELD AT BUTLER PLAZA ON APRIL 19

Houston, April 10, 2012 – Celebrate the environment and have some fun during the Earth Day Carnival from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Butler Plaza on April 19. Students can learn about the university's sustainability efforts while enjoying games and cake during the festivities hosted by Green UH.

"The purpose of this event is to celebrate our accomplishments and recognize all the organizations who have had a major impact in making our campus more sustainable. Our goal is to make this year's Earth Day Carnival fun and exciting as well as educational for all of the students," said Billy Garner, Marketing Coordinator for Auxiliary Services.

Several campus departments and organizations will be participating in the Earth Day Carnival to showcase their sustainable programs including Parking and Transportation Services, Dining Services, the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center and the HRM Green Team. Also, students from the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences plan to launch a weather balloon from Butler Plaza.

The Division of Administration and Finance will have a fundraiser for March for Babies from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants can buy refreshments or play the "Guess the Number" game with all proceeds donated to the cause.

City of Houston will offer information on its sustainable programs such as the Corral the Grease program, Green Houston program, and the National Mayor’s Challenge for Water Conservation. City representatives will also bring out its Regatta Boat Race pool for students to enjoy. Honest Tea representatives will also participate in the event, offering samples to students as they pass by.

Join us in celebrating the university's hard work in creating a sustainable campus! If your organization is interested in participating in the Earth Day Carnival, please contact Billy Garner at
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