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# **EARTH DAY FESTIVAL FAQ's**

APRIL 13, 2024 | 2:00PM - 6:00PM The Pavilion Field - 2 Tierno Road

## Q1: What is happening at the Earth Day Festival?

A. It's a celebration of being outdoors and living a fun and active lifestyle with educational layers to promote practices that guests can do on their own to strive for a healthier planet. There will be several booths, games, activities, crafts, and entertainment.

## Q2: Will there be parking?

A: Yes. Parking lots are available at Esencia School, The Canyon House, and street parking along Aprender, and Andaza in non-fire lane areas. For easy hop-on and hop-off and to alleviate parking congestion, guests can take RanchRide or walk.

# Q3: Will disabled persons parking be available?

A: Yes! There will be 6 designated disabled persons parking spaces. The entire smaller parking lot near the tot lot at The Pavilion will have 6 available spaces. Placards or stickers MUST be displayed in order to park in those spaces. Parking will be enforced.

## Q4: Will RanchRide be available?

A: Yes, RanchRide will have shuttles that run approximately every 30-minutes. RanchRide has large compartment storage underneath the main seating cabins. **These shuttles are stroller and wheelchair friendly.** Shuttles will be available at the following stops from 1:45PM to 6:30PM:

- Ranch Camp
- Guest House
- The Getaway
- Los Patrones Business Park
- North Plunge
- The Pavilion

*Please note that drivers will take a short break, as noted on the RanchRide website. For specific shuttle stops and times, visit <u>www.RanchRide.net.</u>* 

## Q5: Is RanchRide handicap accessible?

A: Yes! All the shuttles are ADA-compliant and will drop guests off in front of the event venue. Guests can beat the traffic by taking RanchRide.

## Q6: Can I bring guests?

A: Yes; bring your family and friends to enjoy the festivities. This is a public event.

## Q7: Will there be food and/or beverages?

A: You bet! There will be food offerings available starting at 2:00PM. Check the RanchLife App for the most updated information about which food vendors will be at the event.

# Q8: What should I bring and what should I leave at home?

A: Guests are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and blankets.

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<u>Prohibited</u> items include: portable barbeques, tarps and plastic sheeting, ground stakes of any kind, glass containers of any kind, ropes, cones, pop-up tents, umbrellas, canopies, and any other types of shade structures.

Kindly leave pets, laser pointers, strobes, intrusive light sources, fireworks/crackers, open-flame devices, toys, or instruments, and noise makers at home.

#### Q9: What should I wear?

A: Active attire is highly encouraged so that guests can enjoy all the fun and games with ease and comfort.

#### Q10: Are pets allowed?

A: Due to the nature of this event, it is <u>not</u> recommended to bring our fur babies to this event. Service animals will be permitted in all spaces. There are some locations where pets will not be allowed, such as our hands-on animal exhibits and inside The Pavilion Gym.

#### Q11: Will there be seating?

A: Guests are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to bring their own lawn chairs, small folding tables, and blankets to enjoy the event with the whole family. Yes, there will be some seating provided on The Pavilion Field, but seating cannot be guaranteed, as all the seating will be first-come, first-served.

#### Q12: Will there be disabled persons seating during the presentations at the Storyteller's Stage?

A: While all seating is first-come, first-served for most of the event, there are some disabled persons seats available inside The Pavilion Gym. If someone in your party needs additional assistance, please notify a staff member and they can work with your party as needed.

#### Q13: Can I save my spot at the event ahead of time?

A: **No.** Due to the nature of this event, our vendors, staff, and volunteers will need to set up their stations throughout the space until about 1:45PM. **Guests may arrive after 1:45PM**. Any items placed outside of the designated seating areas and any prohibited items may be removed.

Please note that RanchLife and Rancho MMC are not responsible for lost or damaged personal belongings. **It is not recommended to leave belongings unattended at any time.** RanchLife asks that all guests are fair, courteous, and neighborly to others and their belongings, helping to ensure that there is plenty of space for all to enjoy the event.

#### Q14: What are the offerings at this event?

A: 20 different booths with games, giveaways, and activities, The Nature Reserve's "Nature Glen" featuring live animal ambassadors and a life-sized hawk's nest, live butterfly biosphere, mobile tidepool, live worm composting farm, DIY flower crown making station, 90-foot long zipline, 4-person rock wall, ages 12+ obstacle course, little kids inflatable lagoon, Storyteller's Stage, Wyland Foundation's Mobile Science Lab, OCFA, US Forest Service, CHP, and big prizes for visiting all the different stations. Prizes will be given out at the end of the event. Winners do not need to be present to win.

Visit the RanchLife App for more details about the booth offerings and type of prizes to be won.

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#### Q15: What is the Event Schedule?

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Time	Activity	Time Activity	
1:45PM	<ul> <li>RanchRide starts picking up guests</li> <li>Staff, vendors, and Volunteers are ready to receive guests</li> </ul>	<b>5:20PM</b> • Last call to drop off completed passports to the RanchLife boo	th
2:00PM	Event Starts	5:30PM • Winners of the Passport Oppor Drawing are selected at the DJ outside on grass	-
2:30PM to 3:15PM	Doodlebugs Live Interactive Insects Show	<ul> <li>6:00PM • Event concludes</li> <li>• Butterflies released at stage or</li> </ul>	grass
3:30PM to 4:15PM	<ul> <li>Rockin' Reptiles Presentation at the Storyteller's Stage</li> </ul>	6:10PM • Last RanchRide shuttle arrives Pavilion to take guests to their original pick-up spots	at The
4:30PM to 5:15PM	• The Nature Reserve's presentation with MINA, the Mariana's Island Nature Alliance, to talk about global affects of pollution and ways to act at the Storyteller's Stage		

# Q16: What is the Passport for and where can guests find it?

A: The purpose of the passport is to encourage guests to visit as many booths/stations at the event as possible. **Those that complete the passport in full can enter to win an opportunity drawing to win big prizes.** Guests can find passports at the RanchLife booth. **Only one passport per family will be issued.** They will need to write their family name and contact information on it.

**Do not lose your passport.** Drawing tickets will only be given to families with a completed passport. Prize information for completing the passports can be found on the RanchLife app.

## Q17: What if a guest is not present when they are called if they won an opportunity drawing?

A: It's recommended to remain at the event to collect winnings, but **guests do not need to be present to win.** Guests must provide RanchLife with active contact information so that RanchLife can contact the drawing winners. If the winner chooses not to accept the prize, or does not answer RanchLife within 24 hours after being contacted about winning the drawing, RanchLife will randomly choose another winner from the list of submissions.

## Q18: Will it be loud? (Sound concerns)

A: There will be a DJ there to play music and make announcements at the event. County standards for decibels will be adhered to.

For guests who have concerns of loud noises, it's suggested to bring sound protection or speak with a staff.

## Q19: What types of animals will be at the event?

A: There will be a live butterfly exhibit, live worm composting farm, live reptiles, and other live insects.

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## Q20: Who is that with the camera?

A: RanchLife has hired a professional photographer to capture the memories of this fun event! If you do not want your photo taken during the event, kindly let the photographer know.

## Q21: What happens if we have inclement weather?

A: As long as it's a mostly dry afternoon with low to mild winds, the show will go on as planned. If there is rain, some slight modifications may be made for safety reasons, but the event will proceed rain or shine.

## Q22: Why is this event not on April 22, National Earth Day?

A: April 14<sup>th</sup> marks the start of National Earth Week, so it's suiting to start the week off with a fun experience like this one.

## Q23: Do I need to bring my access card to use the restrooms?

A: Rancho MMC recommends always bringing your access card with you when visiting any Rancho MMC facilities; however, the restrooms at the event will be unlocked for the convenience of all guests.

## Q25: Where can I learn more about Earth Day?

A: Visit The Nature Reserve's website at <u>www.thenaturereserve.org</u> or <u>www.earthday.org</u> to learn about how you can make a difference to implement practices for a healthier planet.