

EARTH DAY

Annually: April 22nd



HISTORY

1962 - Rachel Carson's bestseller *Silent Spring* raised public awareness and concern for living organisms, the environment, and public health.

1970 - The first Earth Day occurs: founded by Wisconsin Senator, Gaylord Nelson.

20 million people in the United States participated in the first Earth Day.

Led to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Led to the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Acts.

1990 - Earth Day goes global! Over 200 million people from 141 different countries participated.

1992 - United Nations Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro

1995 - President Bill Clinton awarded Senator Nelson the Presidential Medal of Freedom (the highest honor given to U.S. civilians).

EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES

Soda Bottle Rocket:
<http://www.instructables.com/id/Soda-Bottle-Rocket-1/>

Make your own Recycled Paper:
<http://www.make-stuff.com/recycling/paper.html>



Human Sundial
<http://www.sunclocks.com/index.htm>



Plant a Garden
<http://www.bhg.com/gardening/vegetable/vegetables/planning-your-first-vegetable-garden/>



Or have a "waste free lunch"
<http://www.wastefreelunches.org>



EARTH DAY RECIPES

Balls of energy

<http://spoonful.com/recipes/balls-of-energy>



Veggie Chips

<http://spoonful.com/recipes/veggie-chips>



Fruit cake

<http://spoonful.com/recipes/fruit-cake>



Volcanic Sundae

<http://spoonful.com/recipes/volcanic-sundae>

