



## REGIONAL DISTRICT OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN PRESS RELEASE April 12, 2010

Celebrate Earth Week and More at Cherry Lane

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Earth Week is a good time to explore with family and friends on what you can do to improve the environment.

Need inspiration? Come to Cherry Lane Shopping Center from Monday April 19 to Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and visit the Earth Week Environmental Displays. Have some fun and test your knowledge. Answer a skill testing question and enter the draw at various display booths.

This year information and ideas are on display from:

**South Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Program, Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Alliance Ministry of Environment, City of Penticton Water Conservation, RDOS on Rails to Trails, Invasive Plant, Air Quality and Composting, Wildlife Tree Stewardship Program, TLC The Land Conservancy of BC, South Okanagan Naturalists Club, Fortis BC on home energy savings, London Drugs Battery Recycling**

On Earth Day, Thursday April 22<sup>nd</sup> come out and listen to the speaker series (Frog talk, Composting and many more) starting at 10:30am and ending at 4:00pm. There will be prizes for the audience, such as a portable clothesline from Fortis BC at their Home Energy Savings talk @ 1:00.

On Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00 to 5:00pm witness elementary and middle schools competing in the Environmental Mind Grind (EMG) Contest. The EMG pits the environmental wits of school teams in a fun, interactive, quiz show-style contest. This annual event is held in honour of Earth Day. Winning teams will represent the region at the BC Finals held in Kelowna. Teams from all over Southern BC compete for \$1,000 for their school and a host of other great prizes.

For more information please contact the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen at 250- 490-4212 Or visit [www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca) click on Air Quality for a list of speakers and times.