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UF Campus Earth Week Returns to Campus April 6-12

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — UF's Office of Sustainability and Thompson Earth Systems Institute (TESI) will host the annual Campus Earth Week from April 6 - April 12, 2022.

Campus Earth Week is an annual celebration of sustainability efforts, achievements and events on campus and in the surrounding community. In addition to recognizing the 2022 Champions for Change awards in the categories of sustainability and health & wellbeing, this year features a return to in-person events and volunteer opportunities for students, faculty, and staff.

The week will kick off with the Sustainability-in-Action Showcase from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 6 at the Reitz Union Tabling Area. This tabling and activity fair will highlight university and community organizations that focus on sustainability issues and solutions. Organizations may offer interactive demonstrations, educational displays, and more.

Volunteers will then have the opportunity to contribute to keep the natural areas on campus free of litter and invasive species as part of UF's ongoing Tree Campus USA efforts. The Earth Week Green & Clean on April 9 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. will begin with an educational walkthrough of one of the key conservation areas on campus - Bartram-Carr Woods, followed by a litter clean-up and invasive plant removal.

The final portion of Campus Earth Week will take place on Tuesday, April 12, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Rion Ballroom at the Reitz Union. The Earth Week Panel - Our Community, Our Planet will feature community organizations, agencies, and people right here in Gainesville and the greater Alachua County area who are working to find local solutions to looming environmental problems.

All UF Campus Earth Week events are free and open to the public. For more information, visit <https://sustainable.ufl.edu/uf-campus-earth-week-2022/>.

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