Penitentiary Glen Nature Center Earth Day Community Art Invitational

Penitentiary Glen Nature Center is looking for Lake County residents to participate in a special Earth Day community art project by creating an original art piece illustrating what Earth Day means to them. Each piece will be displayed at Penitentiary Glen Reservation from April 12 through April 21, 2024. The goals of the project are to foster appreciation and stewardship of the earth, engage visitors in the value of caring for the earth, and showcase the creativity of local residents.

To Pick Up Supplies

- Each participant can pick up a 20" diameter pre-drilled plywood circle and a loan agreement at the Front Desk at Penitentiary Glen Nature Center beginning February 5, 2024.
- Supplies are limited to the first 20 participants/families

Criteria for Entries

- Each piece of art must be Earth Day-inspired and should be family-friendly and contain no objectionable language or images.
- Participants are to use their own paint/supplies to create their piece and seal it upon completion to protect it from the elements. The painted image is to appear on one side only with the back side painted a solid color. The finished piece MUST be able to withstand being outside for ten (10) days.
- Each piece will be mounted on a post along with an art label featuring the name of the piece and the artist.
- All artwork must remain on display from Friday, April 12, until the end of the Earth Day event on Sunday, April 21. participants can pick up their pieces beginning Monday, April 22, 2024.
- The project coordinator reserves the right to reject any entries that are deemed objectionable or not meet the requirements specified above. Religious or political-themed pieces will not be accepted.

Deadline for Entries

• Finished pieces may be delivered to Penitentiary Glen Nature Center along with the art show loan agreement from **April 1 through April 8**, 2024, between the hours of 9 am and 4 pm.

Need more information?

Contact Wendy Pittenger, Penitentiary Glen Nature Center, at 440-256-1404 x2123 or wpittenger@lakemetroparks.com.