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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>APRIL 18 “Thriving with the Planet” worship service to start Earth Month</p>	<p>19 Plant a Bee Garden (1)</p> 	<p>20 ”Where’s the Beef?” Paula & John Warren Part 1</p>	<p>21 Earth Day Quiz</p> 	<p>22 Earth Day “Kiss the Ground”</p>	<p>23 “Kiss the Ground” discussion</p>	<p>24 Make a Bug Hotel</p> 
<p>25 Go Greener at Home (2)</p>	<p>26 Meatless Monday Mexican Pozole</p> 	<p>27 Go Dark for a Day (unplug/turn off all unneeded appliances and lights)</p>	<p>28 Cut back on plastic (Survey your house. Find which disposable plastics you could replace)</p>	<p>29 Sign up to take a gardening class (3)</p>	<p>30 Boise Environmental Education</p> 	<p>MAY 1 Prevent Bird Deaths</p> 
<p>2 “Climate Justice: Reality & Solutions” Ty Benoit</p>	<p>3 Send postcard to Secretary Vilsack (4)</p> 	<p>4 ”Where’s the Beef?” John & Paula Warren Part 2</p>	<p>5 Join City Nature Challenge (5)</p> 	<p>6 “Carbon Pricing: A national policy solution for climate change” Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL)</p>	<p>7 Do an experiment Oil Spill</p> 	<p>8 Build seed bombs!</p> 
<p>9 Visit watershed education center</p> 	<p>10 Scavenger Hunt</p> <p>To Find</p>  <p>To Look For</p> 	<p>11 Sign up for a butterfly count (6)</p>	<p>12 Learn about feedback loops</p>  <p>The Earth is warming the Earth.</p>	<p>13 Write a letter to your congressman supporting breach of lower Snake dams (7)</p>	<p>14 Do a compost experiment!</p> 	<p>15 Take a hike in a park and pick up the trash and recyclables</p>

* Check [BUUF's interactive calendar of events on the web](#) for links to virtual events. See following pages for more details.

(1) **Alternative inexpensive ideas for Bee Garden:** <https://www.uidaho.edu/-/media/UIDaho-Responsive/Files/Extension/county/Kootenai/garden-resources/pollinators-beneficial-insects/planting-a-bee-garden.pdf>

More U of I Extension Resources for Protecting Pollinators: <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/pollinator/resources>

(2) - After using most of product, cut off your toothpaste, hand cream, or other tube 1½ inches from end.

Use the rest of product from the open bottom. Use the cut end as the new cover.

- Buy your dog a canvas leash instead of nylon (biodegradable)
- Clean your refrigerator coils (vacuum out the dust, wipe with a damp cloth)
- Replace toxic dryer sheets with wool dryer balls (Roots Zero Waste market)

(3) https://idahobotanicalgarden.org/learn/springworkshopsandclasses/?tribe_events_cat=adult-education&tribe-bar-date=2021-04

<https://www.edwardsgreenhouse.com/online-classes>

<https://farwestgardencenter.net/class-schedule/>

(4) Send the postcard from your Earth Month action kit to Secretary Vilsack in support of transition to regenerative agriculture

(5) Using [iNaturalist](#) Collection stage (April 30th - May 3rd), Identification stage (May 4th - 9th)

(6) Sat., July 10th Butterfly ID Workshop in the basement of Boone Hall at The College of Idaho in Caldwell

Sun., July 11th Boise Front, July Butterfly Count

Sat., July 17th Seven Devils Butterfly Count in Riggins

Call/email for info and confirm: Paul Castrovillo, Ph.D. (208-914-0084), Paul.Castrovillo@isda.idaho.gov

(7) **Video about Simpson's proposal:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z5_fm7UGsw4&t=33s

Sample letters: <https://www.greatoldbroads.org/48009-2/>

Contact links: <https://www.risch.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact>

<https://www.crapo.senate.gov/contact>

<https://fulcher.house.gov/contact>

<https://gov.idaho.gov/contact-us/>

ONLINE VERSION <https://boiseuu.org/justice/climate-action-team/earth-month-2021/>

Earth Month 2021 – From BUUF’s Climate Action Team

Welcome to a series of presenters, demonstrations, and videos to honor **Earth Day, April 22, 2021**.

While we are unable to gather in groups during the pandemic, we must not forget that the climate crisis impacts our present and future. The worst effects are unimaginably dire; we must act now. Plan to join us for a variety of opportunities to learn from experts, volunteers, and each other as we explore the actions we must take to embrace new practices, ethics, and values to guide our lives on a warming planet.

Upcoming Virtual Events:

Visit [Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship’s interactive events calendar on the web](#) for links by date

Sunday, April 18, 10am – “Thriving with the Planet” Worship Service

Plant-Based Diet Series:

Have you thought about reducing animal protein from your diet? Or perhaps you already eat less meat-based food but want to go all the way to a totally plant-based diet? There are a lot of reasons why you might want to consider this change. With so many folks experiencing food sensitivities, moving away from meat and processed foods makes good sense for them. Reducing more expensive animal and dairy foods and adding more filling beans, vegetables and fruits also makes good fiscal sense for your budget. It’s a chance to make a local impact on climate change. According to [Drawdown, the Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming](#), edited by Paul Hawken, “(the) Western diet comes with a steep climate price tag. The most conservative estimates suggest that raising livestock accounts for nearly 15% of global greenhouse gases emitted each year... If cattle were their own nation, they would be the world’s third-largest emitter of greenhouse gases”. That is a stunner. Most of us just enjoy our burgers and don’t think about the environmental impact from cow to plate.

For Earth Month 2021, the Climate Action Team is presenting a 3-part series on learning more about a plant-based diet.

Tuesday, April 20, 7-9pm “Where’s the Beef: The Road to a Plant-Based Diet” by Paula and John Warren.

We have experienced guides to help us in this adventure. John and Paula Warren have embraced a full plant-based diet for the last 7 years. It didn’t happen overnight and it wasn’t always easy; they share their story and their wisdom with us for our first presentation.

Monday, April 26, 7-9pm “Meatless Monday” a (virtual) cooking demonstration by Chef Michael Alvarado

The second event will be a plant-based cooking adventure with Chef Michael Alvarado and Reverend Sara complete with recipes and an ingredient list so you can make this meal at home.

Cook along in this free, virtual cooking class as he teaches us some tasty ways to enjoy a plant-based diet. You’ll be guided step by step as you prepare a vegan dinner in your own kitchen, during this live, family-friendly event.

We are going Mexican this time, featuring Posole Rojo paired with a unique cocktail! You’ll receive an ingredient list a week before the session, so you can shop and prep ahead of time. Buen provecho!

Tuesday, May 4, 7-9pm “Where’s the Beef: The Road to a Plant-Based Diet” follow up discussion with Paula & John Warren.

We’ll conclude with the Warrens, offering an opportunity for more in-depth questions and many tips, tricks and resources. All events will be virtual. Check [our events calendar](#) for the link. Please join us to learn more and plan your own journey.

Thursday, April 22, 7-9pm MDT (Approx. 90 min.)

Film Screening: “Kiss the Ground” Watch this encouraging documentary showing how we can reverse global warming. The Earth’s soil is the solution. By regenerating earth, we can stabilize our planet’s climate, restore lost ecosystems, and create abundant food supplies. Narrated by Woody Harrelson.

Friday, April 23, 7-9 pm MDT

“Kiss the Ground” World Premiere: Q&A Panel (35min. prerecorded Sept 2020)

A cure for climate change starts with a simple solution right under our feet. Q&A with Gisele Bündchen, Woody Harrelson and Ian Somerhalder, plus the filmmakers, farmers and activists behind the regenerative movement. Also enjoy an original song from the film by Singer/Songwriter and Agroforestry Farmer, Jason Mraz. Learn more at <https://kissthegroundmovie.com/>
Followed by a 30min. live BUUF-led debrief.

Sunday, May 2, 7-9pm MDT “Climate Justice: What is the Reality and What Are the Solutions?” presented by Tyra Benoit, Climate Reality Leader and former BUUF member. As we emerge from the pandemic and usher in new political leadership, those who are the least responsible for climate change remain the most affected. Indigenous communities, communities of color, immigrants, and the poor are frequently excluded from mainstream climate debate and the ongoing development of policies and mitigation efforts. Equitable and bold action is needed now!

Thursday, May 6, 7-9pm MDT “Carbon Pricing: A national policy solution for climate change” Learn about the climate change solution endorsed by Citizens’ Climate Lobby. How would a carbon price fit with climate policies being considered by the new Congress and Administration? How do we build the political will to bring about urgent national action on climate? Presented by Linda Rytterager, Boise CCL Chapter Leader and Nancy Basinger, Chapter Member and Liaison to Rep. Simpson.

LINKS TO OTHER RESOURCES: April 20-22 visit [EARTHDAY.ORG](https://www.earthday.org) - together, we will restore our earth
Join thousands of organizations as we call on the world to come together for...THREE DAYS OF CLIMATE ACTION

Learn the basics of Climate Change from Project Drawdown

[Unit 1: Setting the Stage](#) 13 min (Good introductory video)

[Unit 2: Stopping Climate Change](#)

[Unit 3: Reducing Sources](#)

[Unit 4: Supporting Sinks and Improving Society](#)

[Unit 5: Putting It All Together](#)

[Unit 6: Making It Happen](#)

[Climate Emergency: Feedback Loops](#) Narrated by Richard Gere

The Earth is warming the Earth. In this series of five short films, learn why natural warming loops have scientists alarmed—and why we have less time than we think.