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ENC Presents 14th Annual Spring Faire & Butterfly House Opening

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NEWPORT BEACH...The Environmental Nature Center (ENC) will present its 14th annual Spring Faire and Butterfly House Opening on Sunday May 19th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Faire will feature a Youth Art Show, native plant sale, crafts, face painting, sing alongs with local performers, nature games, live native animals and delicious food and beverages from local restaurants at the Savor OC Restaurant and Caterer Showcase. Over 4,000 people are expected to attend. More info at encenter.org. The ENC is located at 1601 E. 16th Street, Newport Beach.

Orange County's only butterfly house will re-open at the Spring Faire. Visitors can observe Orange County native butterflies interacting with locally native host and nectar plants. Native plants will be available for sale. Native plants draw butterflies and birds, save water, eliminate the need for pesticide use, and showcase color throughout the year.

Local restaurants and caterers will feature some of their best beverages and dishes at the Savor OC. Guests will enjoy sampling food and drinks from Above All Catering, Sensitive Sweets, Kean Coffee, Mi Casa, Urbana, Shirley's Bagels, Bluewater Grill, Fishbonz, Old World's European Market and Caliente.

Guests will be able to purchase a reusable ENC canvas bag for \$5 their "ticket" to make five awesome crafts.

Children ages 4-18 will exhibit their art and the Youth Art Showcase. This year's theme is "Diversity in Nature" where prizes will be provided by Lisa Albert Art Studio, Art Supply Warehouse, C'est Si Bon Bakery, and Saddleback College Fashion Program.

Face painters will paint butterflies and caterpillars on participants' faces; fees from these attractions will benefit the ENC's environmental education programs.

Live hawks and owls from the OC Bird of Prey Center will be showcased during a live performance.

At 10:30am the Young Singers of Orange County will perform, followed by the Sweetwater Creek Band at 11:15am. The ENC's own Valerie Bain will present the ENC's Animal Ambassadors at 12:15pm, and the OC Bird of Prey Center will give a presentation featuring live raptors at 1:15pm. University of California Irvine's Vermillion Vocalists will perform at 2:15pm.

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