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## Earth Day Mini Film Fest, Park Clean Up and Action Fair

One Earth Film Festival and the City of Chicago present action opportunities in celebration of Earth Day 2023, April 19-23

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**OAK PARK, IL** – Following its 12th season in March, One Earth Film Festival will celebrate Earth Day with its annual “Earth Day Mini Fest,” April 19-23, presented in partnership with the City of Chicago’s Office of Climate and Environmental Equity.

The mini fest continues One Earth’s 2023 theme, “Let’s Get Loud,” with five screening events of top films and engaging discussions intended to illuminate environmental issues and equip audiences with the tools to take concrete actions to mitigate climate change and address environmental justice. Films topics range from the food justice movement in Black and Indigenous communities, understanding and reimagining wildfires, the global citizen-led fight to address traffic violence, and innovation inspired by nature.

On Earth Day, which is Saturday, April 22 a full day of programming will celebrate the 53rd anniversary of Earth Day. Festivities include the [Earth Day Clean Up at Columbus Park](#) and the [Earth Day Action Fair](#), followed by a screening of “Biocentrics” at the Chicago Cultural Center.

### Schedule

Saturday, April 22, 2023

#### Earth Day Clean Up at Columbus Park

*In partnership with BUILD Chicago, Openlands, One Earth Collective, Field Museum, Friends of the Parks, Interfaith Green Network, Oak Park Climate Action Network, Seven Generations Ahead*

Location: Meet at pavilion/shelter house north of Columbus Park Field House on Central Ave, Chicago.

- 9:00 a.m. sign in at the shelter/pavilion
- 9:00-11:30 a.m. trash clean-up, garden prep and mulching
- 11:30-12:30 p.m. reflection and lunch



#### Earth Day Action Fair at the Chicago Cultural Center

*In partnership with the City of Chicago's Office of Climate & Environmental Equity*

Location: Chicago Cultural Center 2nd Floor Rotunda, 78 E Washington St, Chicago

- 12:30-2:00 p.m. groups present work, opportunities, and events with refreshments and fellowship with other environmental advocates
- 2:00-4:30 p.m. watch-party of the [award-winning film, "Biocentrics"](#) and dialogue with activists in the Cultural Center's adjacent Claudia Cassidy Theater

## EARTH WEEK MINI FEST OFFICIAL FILMS AND SCHEDULE

*Most events are free and all watch parties can be attended virtually*

All Listings in Central Daylight Time

- 1) **"Elemental: Reimagine Wildfire"** | April 19, 6:30 p.m. | Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest | Gorton Center, Lake Forest
- 2) **"Follow the Drinking Gourd"** | April 20, 6:30 p.m. | UIC Lecture Center F | Old St. Pat's Church
- 3) **"Remothering the Land"** | April 20, 6:30 p.m. | UIC Lecture Center F | Old St. Pat's Church
- 4) **"Invisible Hand: Rights of Nature Documentary"** | April 21, 6:30 p.m. | Truman College, Chicago
- 5) **"Biocentrics"** | April 22, 2 p.m. | Chicago Cultural Center | Wayfarer Theaters, Highland Park
- 6) **"The Street Project"** | April 23, 3 p.m. | Chicago Public Library, Humboldt Park Branch | Chicago Public Library, Austin Branch | Big Marsh Bike Park, Chicago

One Earth Film Festival's 12th annual regular season ran March 3-12 and featured ten thought-provoking and sharply focused films screened at venues across Chicago and virtually to audiences around the globe. The hybrid festival reached several thousand people through its watch parties, including panel discussions with subject experts and post-film Q&As.

Mini fest tickets are free with a suggested \$8 donation. Find more information here:

[www.oneearthfilmfest.org](http://www.oneearthfilmfest.org)

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**One Earth Film Festival** is the Midwest's premier environmental film festival, creating opportunities for understanding climate change, sustainability and the power of people.

It showcases top-issue, thought-provoking environmental films, leads audiences in interactive post-film discussions focused on solutions, and offers concrete actions people can take.

One Earth Film Festival is a production of [One Earth Collective](#).

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