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ADEM joining Montgomery Zoo for Earth Day Safari

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Staff with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management will be at the Montgomery Zoo on Friday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm as part of the zoo's "Earth Day Safari" and will provide information and present information about ways students and other young people can help protect Planet Earth.

Officials at the Montgomery Zoo and the adjacent Mann Wildlife Learning Museum expect more than 3,000 people to attend "Earth Day Safari." The event is intended to help raise awareness of environmental topics and encourage children – and adults – to be good stewards of the environment.

ADEM staff will set up booths and interactive exhibits on various topics, including air quality, recycling, and fish tissue monitoring. Students will be encouraged to take part in hands-on demonstrations designed to teach them about the environment. Visitors will also get to see the zoo animals and learn the value of plants and animals to any ecosystem.

ADEM's participation is part of the Department's continuing efforts to increase environmental awareness and promote community involvement.

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