

Chemists Celebrate Earth Day (CCED)



The Georgia ACS local section will participate in Chemists Celebrate Earth Day (CCED) 2008 in a variety of venues around Atlanta. Earth Day was created on April 22, 1970, as a way to demonstrate support for a healthy environment and a sustainable planet. Through CCED, which began in 2003, the American Chemical Society local sections, industrialists, educators and promoters of chemistry offer community outreach activities that reflect the positive role that chemistry plays in addressing environmental issues. The ACS theme for this year's Earth Day is **Streaming Chemistry**, a theme that is particularly apt for our local section, when we are experiencing record drought in Georgia.

April 14 (Monday): The Georgia local section's monthly dinner meeting will include an environmentally relevant presentation by Thomas Spittler on "Groundwater Protection" (see April Filter Press).

April 17 (Thursday): The Department of Chemistry at Georgia Gwinnett College will hold an event titled "From the Earth or from the Lab? What do you eat?" from 11 am -2 pm. This Jeopardy! game will explore the world of chemicals that are, or are not, food ingredients. Food and prizes for the contestants will be provided.

April 18 (Friday): Georgia Tech will host its Earth Day celebration (www.earthday.gatech.edu) between 10 am and 2 pm. Among the 60 exhibitors will be an ACS booth sponsored by the local section and manned by volunteer chemistry students (including ACS student affiliates). Interactive demonstrations and a quiz related to water and environmental themes will be offered, along with free Earth Day souvenirs.

April 26 (Saturday): Bring your family and celebrate Earth Day on the campus of Southern Polytechnic State University in Marietta from 10 am – 2 pm. The day will be fun and educational, with a focus on science, technology and the environment. Each registered Girl Scout will receive an event patch and will have access to multiple hands-on activities. There will be lots to do and see for accompanying family members too. Ample free parking is available and lunch is included for Girl Scouts and family members.

Additional CCED resources for parents and teachers can be found at: www.acs.org/earthday or contact David Gottfried at david.gottfried@mirc.gatech.edu.