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## Lafayette Earth Day Festival focuses on sustainable youth

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Earth Day Festival 2018 Photo Pippa Fisher

The 14th Annual Earth Day Festival will be taking place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 28 along Golden Gate Way behind the Lafayette Library and Learning Center. This year's theme is "Taking Action."

Hosted by the City of Lafayette and the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce along with local nonprofit Sustainable Lafayette, the festival will showcase local groups and exhibitors aiming to inspire and create awareness to help make the local community more sustainable and offer opportunities for involvement.

The event this year plans to prominently feature youth groups.

As in previous years, Lamorinda 4-H will have a petting zoo featuring their livestock projects. Fifth-grader Julian Jackl of Burton Valley Elementary will showcase the school's new reusable utensil program (see related story on Page A3), and a number of local Girl Scout troops will

display and demonstrate projects including how to make reusable lunch bags and how to help monarch butterflies by planting milkweed.

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As before, Lafayette Community Garden will be there with their chickens and vegetable starts. Urban farmers will be showing the fruits of their community harvest and the folks from Imperfect Produce will be available to talk about food waste and to encourage purchasing of "cosmetically challenged" produce.

Residents can stroll along the booths to the sounds of live music and performances by local youth groups. The Center for Community Arts will host a community art project.

And, of course, attendees can plan on lunch. This year Berkeley pizzeria owners of Lucia's will be bringing their portable pizza oven to create wood-fired regular, vegan and gluten-free pizzas. Other sustainable food options include Humphry Slocombe artisanal ice cream.

Parking at Stanley Middle School is being encouraged and for those choosing the greener option of biking to the festival, there will be a free bicycle valet hosted by a local Cub Scout troop.

Further information on Sustainable Lafayette is available at

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

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