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## Science Center Celebrates Earth Day with New Renewable Racing Activity presented by Air Liquide

*The celebration includes activities for all ages and the annual opening of the  
Rooftop Garden*

HARTFORD, CT (April 17, 2018) – Celebrate Earth Day at the Connecticut Science Center with exciting hands-on activities, including the all-new Live Science Demo, Renewable Racing presented by Air Liquide. Explore different kinds of energy sources with renewable resource powered cars. Find out which goes the fastest and the furthest – hydrogen, solar, or wind-powered.

As it has in the past, Earth Day marks the official opening of the Rooftop Garden at the Science Center. Enjoy the views of Hartford and the Connecticut River while exploring numerous varieties of native plants. Or, take in the beauty of Michaela's Garden Project sponsored by the Petit Family Foundation.

For this year's planting activity, Connecticut Science Center Horticulturist Kimberly Kelly has selected the Black Eyed Susan. These beautiful annuals are native to Connecticut, and when planted in large groups, they are great for attracting native butterflies. Take home your perfectly planted Black-Eyed Susan to create your own Butterfly Encounter. Take a break with story time featuring Connecticut children's author Lynn Rosenblatt and her book, *Monarch Magic*. Dive even deeper into the story with Lynn as she helps children to create "Flutterby Puppets" through arts & crafts.

Close the day out with *An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power*, the follow-up to *An Inconvenient Truth*. Follow Former Vice President Al Gore as he continues his fight for international climate policy. *An Inconvenient Sequel* is over an hour and half long and is rated PG. *An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power* will replace the regularly scheduled 3 PM movie; movies are \$5 for members/ \$6 for youth (3-17) and seniors (65+)/ \$7 for adults (18-64).

All Earth Day activities (except the *An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power*), including Renewable Racing presented by Air Liquide and access to the Rooftop Garden, are included in the cost of General Admission or Connecticut Science Center Membership. For more information, visit [CTScienceCenter.org](http://CTScienceCenter.org) or call (860) SCIENCE [724.3623].

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**About the Connecticut Science Center:** The LEED-Gold certified Connecticut Science Center, located in downtown Hartford, sparks creative imagination and an appreciation for science by immersing visitors in fun and educational hands-on, minds-on interactive experiences while maintaining an environmentally conscious presence. Serving over 2.5 million people since opening in 2009, the Science Center features more than 165 exhibits in ten galleries. Covering a range of topics, including space and earth sciences, physical sciences, biology, the Connecticut River watershed, alternative energy sources, Connecticut inventors and innovations, a children's gallery, and much more. Other features include four educational labs, a 200-seat 3D digital theater, function room, gift store, and ongoing events for all ages. The Science Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing science education throughout the state of Connecticut and New England, providing learning opportunities for students and adults of all ages, and engaging the community in scientific exploration. The Connecticut Science Center is also the home to the **Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Academy for Teachers**, offering powerful Professional Development for educators. More information: [CTScienceCenter.org](http://CTScienceCenter.org) or (860) SCIENCE.