Earth Week 2021
Covenant House California (CHC) presents the first Earth Week where we will be celebrating our planet and introducing the concept of environmental justice to our young people. CHC is a non-profit youth homeless shelter that provides sanctuary and support for homeless and trafficked youth, ages 18-24. We believe that no young person deserves to be homeless; that every young person in California deserves shelter, food, clothing, education ... and most importantly, to be loved. Now serving over 4,700 youth a year, CHC provides a full continuum of services to meet the physical, emotional, educational, vocational, and spiritual well-being of young people, in order to provide them with the best chance for success in independence.

Our main goal for the week-long event is to raise awareness on local environmental movements, cultivate conscious minds through educational workshops, and inspire our young people to be the change.

We will be diving into different topics each day that touch upon sustainability, recycling, food justice, ecosystems, environmental justice, and climate change. We hope that earth week will become the blueprint for environmental consciousness at CHC for years to come.
Earth Day Kick Off / Environmental Justice Panel

Monday, April 19th, 2021
Time: 3:00PM – 4:00PM
Location: Brave Room

Zoom Link for Volunteers:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85634127910?
pwd=VlU3MVA0ZkNYeVRvaUZ4SGpVcWZVQT09

Meeting ID: 856 3412 7910
Passcode: CHClove

Description: The Environmental Justice Panel will be the first event of the week to kickstart our first Earth Week that will be both celebrating our planet and introducing environmental justice to our youth. The panel will highlight the work of community organizers and activists doing work across the city of Los Angeles. The goal of the panel is to bring awareness on environmental justice and provide educational dialogue that will spark interest in our young people. We plan on having 3 panelists.
Western Ave. Clean-up Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday, April 20th, 2021
Time: 11:00AM – 1:00PM
Location: Western Ave. (Sunset to Santa Monica)

Description: The Scavenger Hunt will focus on sustainability, recycling, and cleaning up our community. The goal of the scavenger hunt is to visually introduce how pollution impacts our surrounding community and give our young people the opportunity to partake in the environmental movement by cleaning. The first stop will be at Target (Western & De Longpre) and will run all along Western Ave. till Catalina Market.
*Collect or take a photo of each item.*
Fashion, Art & Music (FAM)

Wednesday, April 21st, 2021
Time: 1:00PM - 3:00PM (ART) / 6:00PM – 8:00PM (Jazz & Poetry)
Location: Fernwood Parking (1325 N. Western Ave.)

Description: It's time for Fashion, Art & Music (FAM)! FAM will be focusing on bringing awareness through the arts to empower our young people fight for change through expression. The day will begin with CHC residents and Target employees creating earth day art on t-shirts, pots for plants and canvas. To end the day, CHC residents and staff will perform original poetry and celebrate earth week with Jazz.
The Environmental Justice workshop will focus on highlighting a brief history of environmental justice. Furthermore, the workshop will aim to define the term environmental racism and how it impacts predominantly communities of color. The last part of the workshop will focus on creating art as a form of expression to the content received in the first half. The second half of the day will focus on having the young people gardening with Ms. Lon. By gardening outside, we will be practicing mindfulness and meditation.
**LA River Clean-up**

Friday, April 23rd, 2021  
Time: 10:00AM - 12:00PM  
Location: LA River  
(Volunteers meet at Covenant House CA at 9:30AM to caravan to the location.)

**Description:** The LA River Clean-Up will focus on introducing the young people to our local ecosystem and how pollution can contribute to the determinant of our environment. We will be teaming up with LA river friends to come together and help heal our earth as a community.

*Sign up instructions below*
USING THE LITTERATI APP

1. Download the Litterati app and enter the challenge code BOLTS CREW to connect to and be a participant in the Bolts Community Crew Watershed Cleanup Challenge. *People outside the LA area will still be able to participate by entering this code.

2. Once in the app, swipe to the Profile tab to claim your account and create your password.

3. Conduct your Cleanup! Use the camera feature in the Litterati app to snap photos of the individual pieces of trash you collect before tossing them in your trash bag.
   a. Take pictures in a way that is comfortable to you, while still being productive and cleaning up trash. Set yourself a personal goal of documenting 50 or 100 pieces of trash over the course of the month, or use the buddy system and designate one person to be the photographer and another person to be the trash collector.

4. When you’re done with your Cleanup and back in your home, upload your photos in the Litterati app.

5. Once your photos have uploaded, go to your Profile tab and scroll down to the Gallery to tag and identify the trash you collected. For each photo of trash, the app will suggest tags, or you can search for tags. Tags to consider applying include what the trash is, what it’s made out of, and what brand it is. Once you’ve applied the appropriate tags for a photo, click on the white arrow in the top left corner to return to your gallery and finish tagging the rest of your photos.

6. In the gallery, you’ll know a photo has been identified if the tag in the bottom right corner is filled in. Alternatively, you can toggle to “Show UnTagged” to easily see which photos you still need to identify.
Bolts Community Crew Watershed CleanUp
March 15 – April 15, 2021

Join Friends of the LA River and the Bolts Community Crew to make an impact on the LA River, its watershed, and beyond leading up to Earth Day 2021. Rally your quarantine bubble to get outside and collect trash from your neighborhood, a local tributary, or the LA River itself to clean up our urban waterways and protect our urban ecosystems. As you get to work, log your progress and impact in Litterati, a mobile app connecting our efforts, and watch as each piece of trash and efforts builds to make a huge impact. We look forward to celebrating our achievements leading up to Earth Day and having your support to care for the LA River year-round!

GETTING STARTED

1. Recruit your teammates to clean the River and watershed close to home.
2. Download the Litterati app and enter the FoLAR challenge code: BOLTSCREW.
3. Visit your favorite spot along the River or in your neighborhood to clean the streets and prevent trash from reaching the River and the ocean.
4. Grab your gloves and trash bags to collect trash. Remember to maintain social distance, wear a mask, and wash your hands!
5. When cleaning up, photograph individual items of trash that you see and collect.
6. Once you’ve finished, open the Litterati app and click the camera (lower right) and upload your trash photos and tag the item - this data helps us track trash in our watershed.
7. Pack out the trash with you and be sure to dispose of it or recycle properly.
8. Keep using Litterati to report your efforts throughout the challenge month.
9. Sign up for FoLAR emails and social media alerts to stay connected and see the final impact numbers during Earth Week!

This is a self-guided effort led by YOU and participation will be at your own risk. Please practice physical distancing and wear your mask to keep your fellow volunteers and community members safe. Take your trash with you to leave the River and our streets better than you found them. Together we are tending to our local ecosystem.
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