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A Non-Profit Event to Promote Children's Environmental Awareness

Two Cal Poly child development majors, Gina Karabogias and Carol Kim, will be hosting Children's Day at the Pier on Saturday, April 20. The event will be held from 10am to 2pm on the Avila boardwalk. The purpose of this affair is to teach and encourage children to take an active role in preserving their community's environment.

All ages are welcome to attend this celebration that is an annex to the traditional Earth Day celebration. Several educational and hands-on opportunities will be provided through the help of our co-sponsor San Luis Obispo County Parks and Recreation, local donations and volunteers. The Central Coast Aquarium Society will have marine touch tanks so people can see and feel ocean critters. Those who attend can also look at plankton through microscopes brought by the Marine Institute. There will also be recycling and composting demonstrations and educators. Children may also interact with an ocean CD-ROM made by a Cal Poly graduate.

Additionally, a wide variety of recycled crafts can be made for free. Such activities include making pinecone bird feeders, making toilet paper roll binoculars, creating coffee ground fossils, flower pounding, making coin keepers out of cans, designing paper bags, face painting and more! There will also be children's entertainment and a free raffle. Everyone will walk away with freebies, including a live plant.

This is the first time this event has ever been held, so come be a part of history. Enrich your child's life in a day of learning and fun under the sun! Parking and admission are free. Please park in the lower Avila Beach lot behind Front Street.

For more information, call Gina at (805) 781-0692 or Carol at (805) 544- 6644.

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