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Learn How You Can Take Simple Steps Towards a Naturally Greener Life

(April 16th, 2015) – On **Sunday, April 26th** Riverbend Environmental Education Center will be partnering with the Philadelphia Science Festival and other local green organizations for *Sustainability Sunday: Simple Steps to a Naturally Greener Life*. From 1:00pm-4:00pm families are invited to come to Riverbend to enjoy activities and presentations that will entertain and educate children and adults. Participants will leave with lots of great green ideas that they can easily adapt to their everyday lives.

Start the afternoon learning about how fish can help plants grow with Riverbend's aquaponics greenhouse. Then learn how native plants in your yard can not only be beautiful but also beneficial to local wildlife. Get dirty and start your own native seedling to take home for your garden. The Franklin Institute will be performing live shows about climate change and providing hands-on activities that explore the storm water issues and greenhouse effects. The Lower Merion Environmental Advisory Council will be leading composting workshops to teach everyone how you can compost in your own backyard while Lower Merion Conservancy will be teaching the many benefits of using rain barrels at your home. Finally find the best places to bike and hike in Lower Merion from local township representative, Chris Leswing.

Other fun family friendly activities include Greening Your Lunchbox and Exploring for Decomposers. Cradles to Crayons will be there to accept donations of new and gently used children's clothing, sneakers, books and new school supplies. This event is free and open to everyone to come and enjoy. No registration is necessary. For more information about the event, contact Riverbend's Director of Education Stacy Carr-Poole at scarr@riverbendec.org.

ABOUT RIVERBEND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER - Riverbend Environmental Education Center is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization located in 1950 Spring Mill Road Gladwyne, PA. On thirty acres of open space, Riverbend offers a full slate of environmental education programs including school field trips, exploration camp, public programs, weekly nature classes and special events.

About the Philadelphia Science Festival- Established in 2011 as one of the first of its kind in the country, the Philadelphia Science Festival is a nine-day celebration of science and technology in everyday places – parks, restaurants, bars, libraries and museums. It asks Philadelphians to question the world around them and aims to inspire not only the next generation of scientists and engineers, but also create homegrown citizen scientists. More than 200 partners work together to produce the Festival, which runs April 24-May 2, and is presented by The Dow Chemical Company and organized by The Franklin Institute. To learn more, visit PhilaScienceFestival.org or email us at philadelphiasciencefestival@fi.edu #GetNerdyPHL # # #