Celebrate Earth Week with Los Alamos National Laboratory

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LOS ALAMOS, N.M., April 16, 2021—Los Alamos National Laboratory is celebrating the 51st anniversary of Earth Day with a week of workshops, presentations, and tips on the greening of your home and community.

This year’s Earth Week theme is “Holding Our World Together” and encompasses family, community, and the environment. Tune in to a week of speakers from April 19-22 to help you and your family learn more about sustainability, recycling, reduced use of materials, and more.

On Thursday, April 22, join Director Emeritus Terry Wallace and Mel Strong of the Bradbury Science Museum for their “Earth Day Afternoon” presentations to explore the scenic wonder and seasonal weather of New Mexico.

A sampling of other upcoming presentations includes:

• **Supporting Pollinator Protection and Monarch Butterfly Conservation with Jenna Stanek** – Monday, April 19, 2-2:30 p.m. As part of this initiative, biologists at Los Alamos National Laboratory have been exploring various avenues to support pollinator protection and Monarch Butterfly conservation.

• **Science on Tap: Tackling the plastic problem with Taraka Dale** – Monday, April 19, 5:30-7p.m. A new initiative named Bio-Optimized Technologies for Keeping Thermoplastics out of the Landfill and Environment (BOTTLE) was started by the Department of Energy. BOTTLE is a large, multi-institutional consortium, made up of researchers from national laboratories and universities, as well as industrial collaborators.

• **Protecting the Environment through Environmental Law with Maxine McReynolds** – Tuesday, April 20, 10-11 a.m. What are environmental laws and why do we need them? This discussion is geared toward a general audience and will help demystify the complex and sometimes confusing world of environmental law.

• **Wilderness Survival with David Mcclard** – Wednesday, April 21, 10-11 a.m. In this brief survival talk, learn about the survival “Rule of Three.” Several things that people can do to plan and prepare for wilderness survival situations will also be discussed.

• **Space Rocks on Earth and Beyond with Wendy K. Caldwell** – Wednesday, April 21, 2-2:45 p.m. Have you ever wondered why the Earth doesn’t have as many craters as Mars or the Moon? Do you think you can tell difference between
New Mexican and Martian terrains? Did that crater come from a space rock or a volcano? “Space Rocks on Earth and Beyond” will answer these questions and more.

And other great speakers will be presenting as well! Links to the talks will be available at this website on Monday, April 19.

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