

Iron Range Earth Fest 2015

9 AM – 4 PM

Saturday, April 18th

Mountain Iron, Minnesota



Want to learn more about local food? Interested in how climate change is affecting Minnesota? Just want to learn more about this whole sustainability thing? Come to Earth Fest 2015!

Iron Range Earth Fest, hosted by the Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability, is the premier sustainability event in NE Minnesota. Earth Fest provides a family-friendly forum to increase awareness and encourage dialogue about sustainability issues affecting the Iron Range. Attendees learn skills, rediscover traditions, and explore contemporary issues from a wide variety of exhibitors, vendors, and presentations. The 7th Annual Iron Range Earth Fest will be held on Saturday April 18th in Mountain Iron.

Earth Fest 2015 will feature:

- Opening reception featuring the film “The Wisdom to Survive” hosted by Congregations Caring for the Earth (Friday, April 17 at 7 PM at Messiah Lutheran Church ELCA)
- 75 local businesses, vendors and information booths
- 2nd Annual Community Sustainability Initiative contest and Green Inventors Expo—see what ideas students and local groups have to make their communities a more sustainable place to live and work
- Presentations on solar energy, local food, beer and wine making, and climate change in Minnesota
- The NE MN premier of the film “Bringing It Home: Industrial Hemp, Healthy Houses, and a Greener Future for America”
- Kids activities including archery, seed planting and the Think Green Paper Bag Challenge
- Local food from Iron Range farms and businesses
- Iron Range musician Rob Wheeler (11 AM – 1 PM at the Mt. Iron Community Center)

Earth Fest 2015 will be a “Toward Zero Waste” Event

The Earth Fest Planning Team is working with vendors and exhibitors to divert at least 75% of all waste away from the landfill through waste reduction, recycling and composting. Our goal is to make Earth Fest a zero waste event within two years! Other recycling initiatives at Earth Fest 2015 include:

- Mountain Iron-Buhl Nordic Ski Team glossy paper recycling fundraiser
- Cell phone and ink cartridge drop-off recycling

Earth Fest will be at the Mt. Iron Community Center, Messiah Lutheran Church ELCA and Merritt Elementary School (along the Hwy 169 corridor in Mt. Iron). Admission is \$5 for adults. Folks 18 and younger are FREE! Visit www.ironrangeearthfest.org for more information.