

Join us on April 26 in celebrating Southern Illinois farmers with SIU's first-ever Farm to Fork Dinner! Offer your support to these local farmers while enjoying a three-course meal prepared by SIU executive chef, Chef Bill. The event will be held in SIU's Old Main Restaurant on the second floor of the Student Center. Cost to attend is \$20 for students, and \$30 for faculty, staff, and community members. Please register by April 18 [here](#).

We are also seeking 16-20 student volunteers for the event! Volunteers will receive their dinner for free and can count these hours towards the Environmental Ambassador Award. The days and times needed to be filled are April 25 and 26 (3-6:30 p.m. and 6:30–10 p.m.). If you would like to volunteer, please email sustainability@siu.edu with your preferred shift and subject line *Farm to Fork Dinner*.



Saluki Service Days

Saluki Service Days is a week of scheduled opportunities to promote positive contributions to the world around you! Join us to complete service hours, donate/collect non-perishable food, and help leave a green footprint behind! This year, **Earth Day** is Friday, April 22, which is part of Saluki Service Days! Opportunities include a spring clean-up and trail building, waste audits, tree planting and gardening, a sustainability and volunteerism fair, and more! For more information and to sign up to participate, visit salukiservicedays.siu.edu!

Dawgs Nite Out

The Spring Semester's Dawgs Nite Out *Game Night* is **tonight** from 8 p.m.-midnight at the Student Rec Center! There will be laser tag, late-night pizza, make your own music video, a Nintendo Wii game station, henna tattoos, human bowling, and more! Amongst all the fun, the Sustainability Office will be participating with games like "Sustainability Trivia" and "Recycling Free Throw" with table prizes and raffle prizes! We will also be conducting a waste audit with our zero waste stations and will post the results on our next newsletter!



Bike to Work Week

According to national studies, 40 percent of errands are two miles or less. Of these, 68 percent are by car. Taking just a few of those trips each week by bike, bus, or on foot will improve health, cut down on fossil-fuel usage and pollution, and improve the quality of life for everyone! This year Bike to Work Week falls on May 16-20, the first week after spring classes end. Stay tuned to learn about events on campus and in the Carbondale area to celebrate Bike to Work Week and the benefits of bicycling!



NEWS

Tree Campus USA Designation

SIU has been recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation for its commitment to effective urban forest management! Our school has received the designation for Tree Campus USA! Read about it [here](#).



[SIU Botany Graduate Alumna, recipient of the 2016 Outstanding Paper Award, Weed Science.](#)
[Illinois Issues: State's Oaks Squeezed Out By Other Species.](#)
[Hartford Animal Shelter in Marion is at capacity.](#)
[SIU-Carbondale to host grant-writing workshop.](#)

JOBS/OPPORTUNITIES

Ready to get involved? Below are a few local and regional jobs/opportunities to look into for more experience and education, and FUN!

Local Events and Opportunities:

SIU Bicycle Survey

SIU is in the process of applying to become a Bicycle Friendly University with the League of American Bicyclists, and is conducting an all-campus survey concerning bicycle issues on campus. The survey link is available through April 10 on the D2L homepage and only takes three to five minutes, so please complete this survey and support making your school a Bicycle Friendly University!

[Keep Carbondale Beautiful Tree and Shrub Sale at Home & Garden Expo](#)

Keep Carbondale Beautiful will be selling trees and shrubs in the SIU Arena Parking Lot at the Home and Garden Expo on Saturday, April 2 from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. and April 3 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. All the plants will be native to the area and therefore better suited to our climate in Southern Illinois! Admission is \$5, with free parking.



[SIU Energy Day: "Fossil Fuels in a Post-COP-21 World" keynote speaker, Wednesday, April 6](#)
[The SIU Student Sustainable Farm is offering a SCA this year \(Community Supported Agriculture\)](#)
[Shred Day & Electronics Recycling Day, April 2, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.; click here to learn which items will be accepted for recycling/reuse.](#)

[Volunteer with SIU Touch of Nature!](#)

[Join LOGIC for 'Fun in the Field', volunteer work days every Friday](#)

[The Sixth Annual Sustainable Living Film Series at Longbranch Café begins April 6](#)

For more local events you can check out the Beautify Southern Illinois Calendar [here](#).

Jobs/Internships:

Local:

[Researcher II: Environmental/Analytical Chemistry, SIU Carbondale](#)

[Keep Carbondale Beautiful offers SIUC student internships](#)

[Keep Carbondale Beautiful is seeking multiple positions: Videographer, Business Proposal Writer, Recycling Bin Designer](#)

[Field Service Technician, Archrock, Marion, IL](#)

Regional:

[Environmental Health Specialist III, Williamson County, Illinois](#)

[Post-Landfill Action Network \(PLAN\): Internships](#)

[Real Food Challenge \(Boston/NY\): Development Manager](#)

[Environmental Technician, Clean Harbors, Monee, IL](#)

[Environmental Health & Safety \(EHS\) Coordinator, Abbott, IL](#)

[Assistant Campaign Director, Grassroots Campaigns, Chicago, IL](#)

Conferences:

[Eastern Regional Climate Preparedness Conference, Baltimore's Inner Harbor, April 4-6](#)

[22nd International Interdisciplinary Conference on the Environment Call for Participants, Austin Texas, Deadline for Abstracts April 15](#)

[6th annual Summer Institute on Sustainability and Energy, "Nexus" program, University of Illinois at Chicago, August 4-16](#)

INSPIRATION

[Ameren Illinois Joins Natural Gas STAR Methane Challenge Program](#)

[France is the First Country to Ban Its Supermarkets From Throwing Away Food](#)

[Mexico City bans driving once a week to battle smog](#)

GREEN TIP

It's spring cleaning time!! Here are some green tips for cleaning this spring!

- Make your own rags. Old t-shirts, socks, towels, etc. are great for cleaning.
- Look for products that are labeled biodegradable, eco-friendly, or non-toxic. Click [here](#) to learn more about toxic cleaners and how to replace them with safer alternatives!

*****Ink and Toner Cartridge Recycling**: This program is a recently developed and rapidly expanding method of diverting hazardous electronic waste from local landfills. Through this program you can

recycle both your unused and used ink and toner cartridges, and possibly receive unused cartridges depending on our inventory. Click [here](#) to learn more about the process.

Want more news and tips?

Join us on social media: [Facebook \(SIU Sustainability\)](#), [Twitter \(@SIUsustain\)](#), and [Instagram \(SIUSustainability\)](#).



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