



# Celebrate Earth Day

## at McConnell Springs April 24, 2010

### McConnell Springs

416 Redmann Lane  
(off Old Frankfort Pike)  
Lexington, Kentucky 40504

**1:30** Tour McConnell Springs

**2:15** Program in Nature Center

### TOUR McConnell Springs

**MEET** members of 2 sustainable communities

**LEARN** how to get beyond Ecophobia

### Sustainable Communities

#### CURTIS PIKE INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY

Three families in Richmond, Kentucky undertake a shared life of sustainable living. Members will share their community's history and a sense of the physical and spiritual aspects of their life together.

#### MICHAELA FARM

A 300 acre family farm of the Sisters of St. Francis since 1854, Michaela Farm is a farm renewal effort of the Oldenburg, Indiana Franciscans. It serves as a center for natural farming practices, environmental education and spiritual renewal.

### Ways to Get Beyond Ecophobia

Ecophobia is a fear of ecological problems and the natural world. The crux of the issue is the developmental appropriateness of environmental curricula. Sr. Ann Quinn will lead us in a discussion and hands-on activities that teach ways to get beyond ecophobia.

### Presenters

Margie Stelzer, et al, *Curtis Pike Intentional Community, Richmond, Kentucky*

Sr. Ann Quinn, OSF, *Michaela Farm, Oldenburg, Indiana*

**If we want children to flourish, we need to give them time to connect with nature and love the Earth before we ask them to save it.**

—David Sobel, educator, *Beyond Ecophobia: Reclaiming the Heart in Nature Education*

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