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Illinois EPA State Fair Exhibit to Feature What Households Can Do to Help the Environment

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois EPA Director John Kim has announced the Agency’s participation in the 2021 Illinois State Fair Exhibits. The Illinois EPA’s theme is “We’re All Connected – Every Household Can Help!” The Illinois EPA exhibit, located in Conservation World, will have interactive games and signage about how we are all connected and the simple tips every household can practice to help sustain and protect the environment.

“The Illinois State Fair is a great place to educate young people on the importance of environmental stewardship,” said Director Kim. “Kids, along with their families, will be encouraged to take action within their own household to save and sustain our environment.”

As part of the exhibit, children can play “Toss it in the Bin” bean bag toss where they will decide what waste item from a typical household, pictured on each bean bag, goes into which bin. They are encouraged to reduce, reuse, and recycle to decrease the amount of waste going into landfills. Another game will be the “Helping at Home” ping pong toss where they throw a ping pong ball and wherever it sticks on the house, they will be asked a question on how they can help the environment on that topic. The five areas are energy efficiency, water conservation, waste reduction, sustainable food systems, and fuel economy. Younger children will also be invited to color at coloring tables.

Educational signs will be posted throughout the exhibit for the adults to view and learn while the children are playing. These include information on Environmental Justice, lead exposure, water conservation, nonpoint source pollution, energy efficiency, energy equity, waste reduction, composting, and the impact of the clothing industry.

The Illinois EPA’s Conservation World exhibit will be open from 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. each of the 10 days of this year’s fair. The exhibit is located just south of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Building.

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