

On the cheap

Weekend of music
The Miami River Springs Festival brings three days of live music, arts and crafts, workshops, bake-offs, a small midway, like the one pictured, with lots of kids' activities. Admission is free, with fees for rides, food and drinks. It's from 6 to midnight Friday, 11 a.m. to midnight Saturday and noon to 9 p.m. Sunday at Curtis Parkway Circle; visit springsriver-festival.com for a complete schedule.



UM release party
 Cane Records, the University of Miami's student-run record label, will be having a release party for new recording artist, **Kyle Crossland** at 8:30 p.m. Friday on the MAC Building rooftop, 5960 SW 57th Ave., Miami. There's a performance by Crossland and work by local artists; no cover; all ages.

New exhibit
 Get a look at the exhibits *Because I Say So* from the Scholl Collection, *Genetic Portraits* by Nela Ochoa and the Kenan-Flagler Family Discovery Gallery at 6 p.m. Friday at The Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum at Florida International University, 10975 SW 17th St., Miami. No admission, from 6 to 9 p.m. Also check out the FIU student show *Wake*. Info: www.frostmuseum.org or 305-248-2890.

Pool party
 Relax at the happy hour and beach parties starting at **Solé on the Ocean** with 2-4-1 drink specials from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, and pool parties noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, at 17315 Collins Ave., Sunny Isles Beach; 305-935-4777; www.solemiami.com;

Green Fashionista
 See the free **Go Green**

Fashionista show at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Maxine Lounge at the Catalina Hotel & Beach Club, 1756 Collins Ave., Miami Beach. Cosmos and pink lemonade martini specials from 7-8 p.m.; the fashion show starts at 8 p.m. Music and DJ Mr. Mac.

At the garden
 Go to **Fairchild Tropical Garden** from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, pay for one admission and get a free membership through December, which can be a savings of \$40 or more. Also, in honor of Earth Day, Fairchild will offer free admission from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday. It's at 10901 Old Cutler Rd. Coral Gables; 305-667-1651.

Heart of a chef
 Here's a chance to enjoy food and wine tastings,

watch cooking demos and a celebrity chef cook-off and activities for the kids all while benefiting the Florida Heart Research Institute. The **Heart of a Chef Festival**, from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, is in the Tree Top Ballroom at Jungle Island on Watson Island. Tickets, which include all festival activities, are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children under 12; tickets entitle you to a discounted entrance fee of \$12 to Jungle Island. The Celebrity Chef Cook-off is emceed by Ralph Pagano of *Hell's Kitchen* at 12:15 p.m. Call 305-674-3020 or visit www.heartofachef.org.

Send items that are free, inexpensive or a special deal to **Rochelle Koff**, 1 Herald Plaza, Miami, FL 33132 or e-mail rkoff@MiamiHerald.com.



SPAM ALLSTARS: The band performs Sunday at Crandon Park.

EARTH DAY

It's going to be fun being green

Miami Herald Staff

Earth Day is officially Wednesday, but you can start getting in a green mode this weekend.

Spam Allstars perform Sunday during a celebration of the Earth, the Everglades and a sustainable South Florida at Crandon Park. Other entertainment includes the Patxi Pastor Band, Iko-Iko members Graham Wood Drout and Daniel East.

You can also feast on vegan and vegetarian food, see green exhibits and take part in nature-based activities and workshops on topics like organic gardening making your home green, and the kids can join the eco party as well. Bring blankets or portable chairs, re-usable water bottles (free refills provided) and a spare drum if you want to play in a drum circle.

The celebration is from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Crandon Park Visitors' and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne; free admission, \$5 parking fee. Free bike valet service at Crandon Park.

Global Groove begins Saturday with global green living exhibits, a hybrid vehicle display, plant sale and children's activities plus African music, dance by Back Yard Movement and a concert by Symphony of the Americas from 1 to 7 p.m. at ArtsPark at Young Circle in downtown Hollywood. Call 954-921-3404. On Sunday, there's **Global Groove on Hollywood Beach**, kicking off at 7 a.m. with a bike ride and breakfast at the Hollywood Marina, then family-oriented "green" activities at Charnow Park from 4 to 7 p.m. and live music from 6 to 10 p.m. at the outdoor Hollywood Beach Theater at Johnson Street. Events are free. Call 954-924-2980.

You can learn about alligators, go on kayak tours, watch for birds or ride boats during a week of programs presented by **Everglades National Park** in celebration of National Parks Week and Earth Day. Contact the Flamingo Visitor Center at 239-695-2945 or the Royal Palm Visitor Center, 305-242-7700.

Sunrise Earth Day is a free event featuring info on green and healthy living, festival fare, eco-friendly goods, plus 500 free native seedlings, activities and events for all ages from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday at Sawgrass Sanctuary, 237 N. New River Circle, Sunrise; 954-747-4600.