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Face painting fun is just one of the activities to draw kids and families to Portland's Arbor Day Festival. The annual Portland Parks and Recreation event returns this year on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, at Mt. Scott Park, located at 72nd and Harold in southeast Portland.

Earth Day Fun for Everyone

Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry presents the city's annual Arbor Day Festival this year on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Mt. Scott Park at 72nd and Harold in southeast Portland.

The free, multicultural festival is for all ages. You can enjoy food from local vendors and participate in activities for the whole family underneath the park's towering

Multicultural celebration coming to Mt. Scott Park

Douglas fir trees.

The fun includes free bucket truck rides giving you a birds-eye view of Portland from above the tree tops; an ecological scavenger hunt; botanical printmaking; face

painting; a tree climbing demonstration; and tree seedling giveaways.

City Commissioner Amanda Fritz and PP&R Director Mike Abbaté will welcome guests with brief

remarks. Musical performances will take place all afternoon.

"Trees are an essential component of Portland's livability," Fritz said. "They help enhance the environment, provide shade and wildlife habitat, filter stormwater runoff, and improve air quality. Arbor Day 2017 is a chance to come together and celebrate the special contributions that trees make to our quality of life."