

## **Breaking News: Grand Traverse County RecycleSmart – Earth Day Event Update – Smokey Bear is Coming to Earth Day!**

Grand Traverse County, MI (April 18, 2017) – The Grand Traverse County RecycleSmart program received exciting news last week...Smokey Bear is coming to Earth Day, this Saturday at Medalie Park!

Smokey Bear will be joining his friends from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Forest Service at the RecycleSmart Earth Day Event, Saturday, April 22 from 10 am – 2 pm at Medalie Park, 1910 S. Airport Road in Traverse City.

Meet and greet Smokey Bear and let him teach you about protecting our amazing and valuable forests with his rules of wildfire prevention. Did you know that in Michigan alone, approximately 600 wildfires are reported each year? Smokey Bear wants you to know that only you can prevent wildfires.

RecycleSmart invites you to Medalie Park to learn from our 17 Earth Day Partners about everything from recycling and composting to wildfire prevention, water protection and invasive species in Michigan. The event will also feature a scavenger hunt with prize drawings, a full-size recycling truck, make-and-take eco-crafts, backyard composting demos at 11 am and 1 pm and more. Medalie Park is situated along the southernmost point of the Boardman Lake Trail. Pack a lunch and plan to stay awhile to walk the trail and enjoy the picturesque setting.

Details about the event, including a complete list of all our wonderful partners, can be found at the RecycleSmart website: <http://recyclesmart.info/1976/2017-Earth-Day-Event>, by calling the RecycleSmart Hotline at 231-941-5555 or by viewing the attached RecycleSmart Earth Day poster.

Join the fun as RecycleSmart, Smokey Bear and Earth Day Partners celebrate Earth Day at Medalie Park!

