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BASE TO HOST 14 SCHOOLS FOR EARTH /ARBOR DAY OBSERVANCE

CHARLESTON AFB, SC -- About 1,200 local school children will visit Charleston Air Force Base for the fifth annual Earth/Arbor Day celebration at the base picnic grounds March 28 from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

More than 30 exhibitors are scheduled to make presentations to 5th grade elementary school students from 14 Charleston area schools. Students will hear and see presentations on everything from barrier-island wildlife to the Charleston Explorer cruises, to a touch tank from the South Carolina Aquarium, to a display from the Old Dorchester State Historic Site. The exhibits will emphasize recycling, energy conservation and wildlife protection.

Children will have an opportunity to participate in earth friendly games, hands-on presentations and a formal tree planting ceremony.

Base firefighters will provide a firefighting demonstration, and security forces will have a military working dog demonstration. Awards will also be given to the winners of the poster/essay/mural contest. The theme of the contest is "learning now for a better environment tomorrow."

The annual event educates children about the importance of taking care of our environment. At 10 a.m., the base will plant trees at the picnic ground to commemorate Earth/Arbor Day.

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MEDIA ADVISORY: Attached to this news release is a schedule of events. Contact Public Affairs at 963-5589 or 5537 and ask for Staff Sgt. Pam Smith or Capt. Tracy Velino, not later than COB Mar 27 if planning to cover this event. Base project officers, exhibitors, children and school officials will be available for interviews.