**MES Admitted Student Afternoon**Thursday, April 21, 12:15pm-6:00pm  
Rachel Carson Forum to follow  
Register at evergreen.edu/mes/admitday

Students admitted to the Graduate Program on the Environment for Fall 2016 are invited to attend our Admitted Student Afternoon on Thursday, April 21, as well as our student-organized Rachel Carson Forum – this year’s theme is “Communicating Environmental Justice.” Students are encouraged to stay through Sunday to explore the Olympia area and learn more about Evergreen. The yearly Procession of the Species is on Saturday - join in on this quirky Earth Day-related Olympia tradition (started by Eli Sterling, MES '91) that has spread around the world! [Learn more](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Procession_of_the_Species) about Procession at procession.org. MES is also hosting Evergreen's Day of Service on Saturday - stay tuned for more details!

Attendees who do not live locally should check out the lodging options on the reverse, including the option to stay with a student for free. Parking will also be provided for those who need it on Thursday and Friday (parking is free on weekends). You may request parking and free housing when you register.

**Registration**

Please register for free at evergreen.edu/mes/admitday by April 14, 2016.

**Schedule**

**Thurs, April 21 – Seminar II Building, B Wing (see enclosed map for directions)**

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**Friday, April 22**

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| **10:30AM - 2:00PM** | Organic Farm and Evergreen beach tour (bring a lunch or lunch money), FREE |
| **11:00AM - 12:30PM** | Campus tour, Admissions office, Library Building |
| **2:30PM - 4:00PM** | Campus tour, Admissions office, Library Building |
| **TBD** | Evergreen Presidential Inauguration – Dr. George Bridges, Location TBD, FREE |
| **5:00PM - 10:00PM** | Olympia Arts Walk, Downtown Olympia, FREE |
| **9:30PM** | Luminary Procession (part of Procession of the Species), Downtown Olympia, FREE |

**Saturday, April 23**

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| **11:00AM – 3:00PM** | Evergreen Day of Service – Trail Building with Capitol Land Trust at Randall Preserve, Meet in Library Building Main Lobby. Lunch, t-shirts, and transportation provided. Bring water, work boots, raingear, and gloves. FREE |
| **12:00PM – 8:00PM** | Olympia Arts Walk, Downtown Olympia, FREE |
| **4:30PM** | Procession of the Species, Downtown Olympia, FREE |

**Sunday, April 24**

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| **ALL DAY** | Explore Olympia, Mt. Rainier, Seattle, Olympic National Park, or the Puget Sound! |

**Lodging**There are plenty of options in the Olympia area for lodging. You can choose from one of the options below or you can stay with an MES student for free (Thursday, Friday, and/or Saturday evenings). If you choose to stay with an MES student, expect anything from a real bed, a blow-up mattress, or a couch; we will let you know if you need to bring a sleeping bag and/or towel. Please indicate if you want to stay with an MES student when registering. If you would prefer to stay at a hotel or B&B, here are some lodging suggestions:

**Fertile Ground Guesthouse:** fertileground.org/home/guesthouse  
**Ground Inn:** groundinn.com  
**Lodging Suggestions (ask if they have an Evergreen discount):** visitolympia.com/lodging **Olympia Air B&B:** airbnb.com/s/Olympia—WA

**Getting Here**For those flying to Olympia, the closest airport is the Seattle-Tacoma airport (SEATAC).  You can rent a car, take the Capital Aeroporter shuttle (capair.com), or take [public transit](http://tripplanner.kingcounty.gov/cgi-bin/itin_page.pl?resptype=U) to Olympia (use tripplanner.kingcounty.gov to plan your trip from SEATAC to Olympia Transit Center and then take [Intercity Transit](http://www.intercitytransit.com/Pages/default.aspx) bus #41 or #48 to Evergreen: intercitytransit.com). Please see enclosed map for driving directions if you plan to drive.

We look forward to meeting you!