April Is National Credit Union Youth Month!

“Be a credit union saver, and your savings will never go extinct” is the official theme of this year’s National Credit Union Youth Month.

Every April, credit unions from around the country join together to support young people like you and encourage healthy financial habits for all ages. This April, head to redwoodcu.org/youth to explore the special activities, information, and contest prepared just for you! While you’re there, check out our student wellness video series on managing stress.

All About Earth Day

April 22nd is an important day: Earth Day! It’s a day when we think of the many ways to conserve our home planet. Earth Day hasn’t been around that long, yet it has made a HUGE impact on our country and environment!

U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson initially founded Earth Day in 1970 as an environmental “teach-in” for school children. He hoped that teachers would use this opportunity to inform K-12 students about the importance of ecological conservation. Thanks to Senator Nelson and rallies throughout the country, the Environmental Protection Agency was founded that same year. Since then, many environmental protection laws have been passed, in part, thanks to Earth Day. Some examples include the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and Endangered Species Act.

Today, Earth Day promotes awareness and appreciation for our environment and encourages responsible conservation efforts. Over 175 countries worldwide celebrate their own earth days.
Internet Safety Tips for Teens!

Lately, people have been online more than ever before. As a teenager, you probably know more about technology than the adults around you. It’s still good practice to know the best internet safety procedures, so here’s a handy list!

1. Keep your identity secret
   This means more than having a fun screen name. It also means being careful about providing specific information that hackers and criminals can use to identify you, such as school names, favorite hangout spots, and birthdays.

2. Don’t share your passwords
   Your passwords and your accounts are yours. This means not sharing passwords with friends or loved ones because you always want to have full control of your information, what’s posted, and how it’s used. An exception would be your parents, if necessary.

3. Search yourself
   It’s good practice to regularly run searches for your name (and photos) to make sure no one is posting harmful information about you or using your identity. This is especially important since schools and employers do searches when they receive applications.

4. Pause before you post
   It’s easy to get caught up in the emotions and excitement of what’s happening on the internet and feel safe behind a computer or smartphone. But always remember, the people reading your posts and comments have feelings, too. Many cyberbullies are kind people in real life. Cruelty is just as hurtful online as face-to-face.

Redwood Credit Union Annual Meeting

This year’s annual meeting will be held virtually on April 29, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. Go to redwoodcu.org/annualmeeting for more information and an attendance link.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLOSURES

RCU will be closed on the following dates:
- Memorial Day, Monday, May 31
- Independence Day, Monday, July 5 (observed)

Remember, you can access your account online or with our mobile app 24/7/365!