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## **GE's Kids' Day Schedule Announced** ***Free family event, free parking***

RoAnn Destito, Commissioner, New York State Office of General Services (OGS) today announced the line-up for the much anticipated 2012 GE Kids' Day, which will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 8, at the Empire State Plaza in Albany. The event is free and open to the public.

"GE Kids' Day is a festival for and about kids," OGS Commissioner Destito said, "I am happy that once again we were able to partner with General Electric and all of our sponsors to offer this family event, which is chock-full of activities for kids – they can see a magician, ride a pony, get their faces painted, play games, do arts and crafts, and meet an author – there's something for everyone."

"Since 1999, GE has proudly sponsored GE's Kids Day," said Christine Horne, Communications and Public Affairs Manager for GE Energy. "We look forward to this event each year because it's a day when GE can give back to the Capital Region with a family-friendly day that demonstrates our commitment to the quality of life for our community, our employees and their families."

This year's featured performers will be The Care Bear's "What Makes You Happy" Live — a treat for kids and parents alike.

Another highlight will be "Our Zoo—Two By Two" featuring a wide array of exotic creatures including a kangaroo, a lemur and a bearded dragon. The Roaming Railroad train will be chugging around the Plaza, taking its passengers to a variety of activities including games, pony rides and face painting. Erica Pelton Villnave, author of the children's book *Sophie's Lovely Locks* will be doing readings, discussions, autographing and selling books throughout the day. There will also be Radio Disney's Car Land and Jake and the Neverland Pirates activities, bounce rides, arts and crafts and clowns.

### **GE's Kids Day Schedule**

Noon - 12:30 p.m.	Care Bears "What Makes You Happy" Live
12:45 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Meet Care Bear characters
1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Joey D Magician
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Care Bears "What Makes You Happy" Live
2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Meet the Care Bear characters
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Joey D Magician
3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Care Bears "What Makes You Happy" Live

4:15p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Meet the Care Bear characters

Erica Pelton Villnave, author of *Sophie's Lovely Locks*, will be doing book readings, signings and sales at: 12:30, 1:15, 2:00, 2:45, 3:30 and 4:15.

**Activities throughout the day will include:**

- Two by Two Zoo, an exotic animal petting zoo
- Roaming Railroad train traveling throughout the Plaza
- GE Science Lab
- Radio Disney Jr.'s Jake and the Neverland Pirate Adventures, an interactive play area
- Inflatable Monster Truck
- Visiting mascots from the Valley Cats, Albany Devils and the Siena Saints
- Star Wars characters
- Bounce rides
- Pony rides and petting zoo with farm animals
- Balloon creations by Smoothee the Clown
- Stilt walker
- Faces by Bon Bon, face painting
- Arts and crafts
- Tulip Queen and her Court, face painting

Free parking will be available in the East parking garage located one block east of the Madison Avenue entrance to the Plaza.

Other sponsors include: New York State United Teachers, Times Union, Metroland, B95.5, Fox News 23, Albany.com and the New York State Department of Health.

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