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1. CLIMATE CHANGE GRANT

This opportunity, presented by Youth Service America and the Civil Society Institute, offers \$500 to youth between the ages of 15-25 or to organizations that serve youth ages 15-25. Successful applicants will implement a service-learning project about climate change to engage community members and candidates for the 2006 election. To download an application, guidelines, and promotional flyer, please visit www.YSA.org/awards <<http://gal.org/ct/y72C-GM1au-5/ysa-org-awards>> .
Deadline is 5pm EST on September 1, 2006.

2. ORGANIC SCHOOL GARDEN AWARDS

Deadline: October 31, 2006

This annual contest, sponsored by the Rodale Institute, is for schools (K-12) that use their organic gardens as a learning tool. Three winning schools receive cash prizes of \$250, \$500, and \$1000. <http://www.kidsregen.org/gardens/index.shtml>

3. STARBUCKS "GIVING VOICE" GRANTS

Proposals submission period: August 1 - September 1, 2006

This Starbucks grant program is for youth that integrate literacy with personal and civic action in the communities where they live. Grants range from \$5,000-\$20,000.

<http://www.starbucks.com/aboutus/grantinfo.asp>

4. UNEP CHILDRENS PAINTING COMPETITION

Deadline: December 31, 2006

Children (ages 6-14) globally are invited to submit their paintings on the theme "Climate Change" to their Regional UNEP Office. <http://www.unep.org/tunza/paintcomp/>

5. ENERGY-SAVING VIDEO COMPETITION

Deadline: October 15, 2006

The first annual Energy-Saving Video Competition - sponsored by Sneakyuses.com. Video makers can use their creativity to help save our resources and win prizes. Enter by uploading short video clips to Recycle Group at YouTube.com.

http://www.youtube.com/groups_videos?add&name=Recycle

6. CLEAN UP THE WORLD

September 15-17, 2006

Clean Up the World Weekend is celebrated each year on the third weekend in September, motivating communities to clean up, fix up, and conserve their local environment. Get involved!

<http://www.cleanuptheworld.org/Main.asp?RequestType=Doc&CatID=4&docID=53>

7. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION STATION

This newly updated site provides an abundance of teaching materials geared toward environmental and resource economics, a photo library, and links to hot environmental topics. <http://www.ees.cc/>

8. RADON POSTER CONTEST

The National Safety Council (NSC), in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, sponsors a National Radon Poster Contest. The goals are to raise awareness about the harmful effects of elevated levels of indoor radon gas and to increase the number of homes tested for radon. Entries are due October 15. If your county is interested in promoting this contest, contact Laura Booth, Extension Associate, Environmental Health Programs, at 334-844-5638; 334-663-5551 cell; 334-844-9022 fax; or boothlb@auburn.edu .

9. ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST

The State Arbor Day Poster Theme for 2007 is "Trees are Terrific.....and forests are, too!" Deadline for receiving entries is Feb. 10, as always.

Classroom activity booklets will be available in September. For details, contact David West in Calhoun County at (256) 237-1621 or westdah@auburn.edu .

10. INTERNATIONAL AIR RIFLE POSTAL LEAGUE

South Fork High School

JROTC Department is hosting the Sixth Annual International Air Rifle Postal League (5 Matches). This postal is an excellent way for your Air Rifle Team

to compete with Army JROTC, Marine Corp JROTC, Navy JROTC, 4 H, and Canadian Cadet League Air Rifle Teams. Every team has a winner in each match, the top shooter from each team in each match will receive a Military Style Medal. View the complete program and entry form at

<http://www.odcmp.com/3P/International.pdf>. For more information, contact SGM. (Ret.) Charles R. Ford at (772) 879-0772 or email ffordcar@aol.com.

11. JUNIOR RIFLE DISTINGUISHED BADGE PROGRAM

The National Three-Position Air Rifle

Council established the Junior Excellence-In-Competition Award Program to provide incentives for junior three-position air rifle competitors to improve and excel. This program awards prestigious badges of distinction to the most outstanding junior shooters. Congratulations to the juniors listed below who recently achieve this outstanding goal:

Ryan James Schneider, Huntsville, AL Badge # 127

Brian Carstensen, Hoover, AL Badge # 137

A complete list of juniors who have earned their Junior Distinguished Badge is listed at

http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report_distinguished.cgi?distType=AIR. If you would like more information on this program, visit the CMP web site at <http://www.odcmp.com/3P/EICProgram.pdf>.

12. 4-H CHILDREN'S GARDEN VIRTUAL TOUR

Take your students on a virtual tour of Michigan State University's 4-H Children's Garden with 56 individual themes. Visit the Imagination Garden, Butterfly Garden, Treehouse area, and the Alice in Wonderland maze!

<http://4hgarden.msu.edu/kidstour/tour.html>

13. LOWES GRANTS FOR OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS

<http://www.lowes.com/lowes/lkn?action=pg&p=AboutLowes/outdoor/apply1.html> Due September - December.

14. AL POWER TREE PLANTING GRANTS

<http://www.southernco.com/alpower/foundation/treegrant.asp?mnuOpco=&mnuType=&mnuItem=> Due September 1.

15. PROJECT LEARNING TREE "GREEN WORKS" GRANTS

http://www.plt.org/cms/pages/21_22_21.html Due September 29.

16. CAPTAIN PLANET FOUNDATION GRANTS

<http://www.captainplanetfdn.org/appProcess.html> Due September 30.

17. RESOURCES ON GLOBAL WARMING

GO TO <http://www.an-inconvenient-truth.com/links.html> .

18. TEENS FOR PLANET EARTH

A unique program developed by the Wildlife Conservation Society, supports teens (ages 14-17) and teen leaders/educators as they carry out environmental service-learning projects. The Web site provides a resource library, news articles, and a Take Action section. <http://www.teensforplanetearth.org/>

19. LESSONS LEARNED IN 4-H ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMING

The three projects highlighted in "Lessons Learned in 4-H Environmental Programming" are designed to assist in the development of a knowledge base for youth programs in science, engineering, and technology. Published by National 4-H Council. Contact Lynda Montgomery at the State 4-H Office if you would like to have a copy.

20. NEW DIVERSITY CONTENT AVAILABLE ON the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) WEB SITE

This is part of a long-term effort to boost the ability of people working in EE and related fields to involve and work with culturally diverse audiences. There are six site sections that will focus on a different aspect, quarterly. <http://www.naaee.org/programs-and-initiatives/diversity/cultural-diversity-eetap/>

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"Teaching a child not to step on a caterpillar is as valuable to the child, as it is to the caterpillar."

--Bradley Miller