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1. "FIGHT THE BITE" POSTER CONTEST

Deadline: March 31, 2007

5th- and 6th-grade students are invited to submit a poster showing people how to "fight the bite" of mosquitoes and ticks. Two winners from each state will receive a \$50 bond. Two Grand Prize winners (one from each grade) will get a \$1,000 bond and trip to the awards ceremony in Atlanta, Georgia.

<http://www.fightthebitecontest.org/>

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2. "CAPTAIN PLANET" FOUNDATION GRANTS

Deadline: March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31, 2007

The Captain Planet Foundation ( <http://www.captainplanetfdn.org/> ) funds hands-on environmental projects involving children and young adults in communities across the United States. All applicant organizations or sponsoring agencies must be exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code in order to be eligible for funding (this includes most schools and nonprofit organizations).

All projects must promote understanding of environmental issues, focus on hands-on involvement, involve children and young adults between the ages of 6 and 18 (elementary through high school), promote interaction and cooperation within the group, help young people develop planning and problem solving skills, include adult supervision, and commit to follow-up communication with the foundation. Generally, grant amounts will range between \$250 and \$2,500.

The deadlines for submitting grant applications are March 31, June

30, September 30, and December 31.

For complete program information and an online application form, visit the Captain Planet Foundation Web site. RFP Link:

<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/10006611/captainplanetfdn>

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### 3. LEGACY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION GRANTS

Deadline: April 27, 2007

Each year Legacy, Partners in Environmental Education, awards grants to fund various environmental education programs throughout the state of Alabama.

The grants are designed to reflect a collaborative effort between the community and the applying organization or school to educate area students and citizens about environmentally related issues. These grants are open to both public and private groups and organizations within the state of Alabama.

The two types of grants Legacy offers are competitive grants and mini-grants. The competitive grants are awarded for environmental education projects and programs in amounts up to \$10,000. The mini-grants are awarded for environmental education projects and programs available up to \$2,500. Both types of grants are awarded annually.

Recipients will be announced during the summer of 2007, with funds available beginning October 2007.

Legacy encourages Alabama schools, environmental groups and non-profit organizations to apply for the grants. Applications must be postmarked by April 27, 2007. All grants will be judged on a competitive basis. Visit the Legacy website, [www.legacyenvd.org](http://www.legacyenvd.org) for specific guidelines, to download an application and to view past recipients.

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### 4. EE WEEK 2007 TO FOCUS ON ENERGY THEME

Participate in EE Week and enhance the educational impact of Earth Day.

Sign-up online and visit the Web site for: A full week's worth of online environmental education preparation, curricula, and activities for K-12 classrooms, universities, nature centers, zoos, museums, and aquariums; Monthly e-newsletter updates that highlight the latest EE curricula, programs, and funding opportunities;

The chance to apply for the Richard C. Bartlett Award for Environmental Education, which will recognize outstanding environmental education programs in both formal and non-formal settings with grants awarded to the winning organizations. <http://www.eeweek.org/>

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5. NATIONAL WILDLIFE WEEK(TM): APRIL 21-29, 2007

Engage your students in learning about the environment during National Wildlife Week, April 21-29, 2007! People of all ages are encouraged to get involved in environmental community service projects and look for local wildlife. To receive National Wildlife Federation's Conservation Action Guide, a free 35-page guide offering dozens of ideas and action tips for service projects, and to learn more about NWF's Wildlife Watch program, contact: [nationalwildlifeweek@nwf.org](mailto:nationalwildlifeweek@nwf.org)

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6. EARTH DAY PHOTO CONTEST FOR STUDENTS

Deadline: May 9, 2007

During the week of Earth Day (April 22 through April 29), U.S. students in grades 5-8 can participate in this Institute for Global Environmental Studies (IGES) photo contest by taking a photograph of something that is changing in their local environment and submitting the photo and a (400 words or less) scientific explanation. IGES will award the top three winners cash prizes (\$100, \$75, and \$50). The top 10 winners will receive their photograph in a special frame commemorating Earth Day 2007 and the top 50 will be published on the IGES Web site.

<http://www.strategies.org/education/index.aspx?sub=education&sub2=earthday&sub3=contest2007>

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7. 2007 BROWER YOUTH AWARDS

Deadline: May 15, 2007

A program of the Earth Island Institute, the annual Brower Youth Award recognizes six young people (ages 13-22) for their outstanding activism and achievements in the fields of environmental and social justice advocacy. Each of six recipients will be awarded a \$3000 cash prize, a trip to California for the award ceremony and camping trip, and ongoing access to resources and opportunities to further their work at Earth Island.

<http://www.broweryouthawards.org/article.php?list=type&type=12>

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8. JUNIOR SMALLBORE/AIR RIFLE SUMMER CAMP

USAMU Smallbore/Air Rifle Summer Camp. The United States Army Marksmanship Unit will once again host a Junior Rifle Camp this summer. The dates are 13-17 August 2007 at Fort Benning, GA. This junior shooting camp is open at shooters ages 12-20 with a cost of \$35 per shooter. For further information and registration packet, please contact 2LT Lucas Leinberger at [lucas.leinberger@usaac.army.mil](mailto:lucas.leinberger@usaac.army.mil) or by telephone 706-545-2342.

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9. A FIELD, A FOREST, AND A STREAM

Introduce your students to the scientific process by getting them outside to conduct their own investigation. Students collect and record scientific data from three ecosystems and then make observations about differences and similarities.

This great hands-on activity can also be adapted for younger audiences. Check out Field, Forest and Stream:

<http://online.nwf.org/site/R?i=M9lyRC2AaZYplojQYMI6w>.

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#### 10. CRITTER OF THE MONTH

My body is blackish above, white below and resembles a flat diamond-shaped disk. During the day you will find me resting in the sand or on mud bottoms with only my eyes and tail showing. At night I hunt for crabs, mussels and shrimp. Be careful of my whip-like tail, which has a venomous spine! What am I? [http://online.nwf.org/site/R?i=4I5GBgfRZgiq\\_PSH0h5Flg..](http://online.nwf.org/site/R?i=4I5GBgfRZgiq_PSH0h5Flg..)

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#### 11. HELP KIDS DISCOVER THE WONDER OF NATURE

Today's children are growing up disconnected from nature. To counteract this trend, NWF is launching a new program that will help parents and caregivers get their kids out the door. A new website, the first resource in NWF's Green Hour program, offers ideas for outdoor exploration and opportunities for families to share their backyard adventures. Check out the Green Hour website and share the link with those you know who care about kids!

[http://online.nwf.org/site/R?i=SO\\_Dlb4kEa4tg-oRZcaRkA..](http://online.nwf.org/site/R?i=SO_Dlb4kEa4tg-oRZcaRkA..)

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#### 12. GREEN TEACHER

This quarterly magazine helps educators of all levels boost their environmental education lessons for students ages 6 - 18. Use the helpful articles and ready-to-use activities to refresh your classroom! Check out Green Teacher:

[http://online.nwf.org/site/R?i=qty9YKj-QSc56eMt0rmL\\_w..](http://online.nwf.org/site/R?i=qty9YKj-QSc56eMt0rmL_w..)

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#### 13. NEW BIODIVERSITY ONLINE SECONDARY MODULE

Exploring Environmental Issues: Biodiversity is a new addition to the PLT collection that uses biodiversity as a window through which secondary students investigate the environment. Educators and students get a broader view of concepts and larger connections - not just biological, but political, cultural, ethical, and economic as well. Educators are permitted to use any of the online materials on the PLT Web site. [http://www.plt.org/cms/pages/36\\_124\\_120.html](http://www.plt.org/cms/pages/36_124_120.html)

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#### 14. LITTLE MIRACLES

Seeing bud burst on trees and shrubs is always a special part of spring.

Natural events often come in small packages! This one takes place every year in millions of places but is often overlooked. Bud burst after winter dormancy is a complex process, with day length, moisture, and temperature all playing a part. If you're not paying close attention, it's easy to miss this special "miracle".

Bud burst isn't fully understood. A tree in your yard may already be

leafed out while another down the street is just beginning to do so - go figure!

In any event, bud burst each spring is a special little miracle that shouldn't be missed by anyone. <http://www.enaturalist.org/unit/241>

Source: ENaturalist