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1. ABETTEREARTH 2007 SPRING ESSAY CONTEST

Deadline: May 11, 2007

Should governments mandate biofuels? Contest is open to all full-time students and anyone under 26 years old. Submit an essay of 600 to 2,500 words, addressing the potential unintended consequences, and based on research -- argue for or against the proposition that government should decide. See Web site for details, requirements, and guidelines.. Prizes include \$2000 for first prize, \$1250 for second prize, \$750 for third prize, and \$250 for (four) honorable mentions. <http://www.abetterearth.org/About/pageID.1175/default.asp>

2. EE WEEK - ENHANCE THE IMPACT OF EARTH DAY

Over three million students and 100,000 educators are anticipated to participate in the program, culminating in over 5,000 Earth Day service projects and 50 million hours of learning by April 22, 2007. EE WEEK 2007 - April 15-22
The focus of EE Week this year is to teach students, educators, and families how to reduce energy consumption in their schools and homes.

Sign-up: <http://www.eeweek.org/register.htm>

3. PBS PRESENTS: STATE OF THE OCEAN'S ANIMALS

Premieres March 28, 2007, 8 p.m. on PBS

State of the Ocean's Animals is the 10th installment of PBS' award-winning Journey to Planet Earth series, taking a look at why nearly half the world's marine animals may face extinction over the next 25 years. This one-hour episode also features inspiring stories of hope and courage celebrating the beauty and diversity of the natural world. Educational materials are available on the Web site. <http://www.pbs.org/journeytoplanetearth/>

4. UCTV FEATURES ENVIRO PROGRAMMING FOR EARTH DAY

University of California Television's (UCTV) monthlong Earth Day celebration features an eye-opening line-up of environmentally focused programming every

Tuesday night in April. UCTV is available nationwide via Dish Network Channel 9412, the Internet at <http://www.uctv.tv/> , "video-on-demand" archives, and Google Video <http://video.google.com/uctv.html> .

5. MEET THE GREENS

MeetTheGreens.org is a new kids' guide to looking after the planet. Kids can watch The Greens' cartoon adventures and discover related green games, news, downloads, a blog, action tips, links, and more. This innovative, Web-only project comes from WGBH in Boston, the producer of shows like ZOOM, ARTHUR, Frontline, and NOVA. <http://www.meetthegreens.org/>

6. EARTH DAY BACKGROUNDER

Earth Day, April 22, 2007, is an opportunity for all Americans to demonstrate that environmental responsibility is everyone's responsibility. There are a number of simple everyday choices that people can make to help protect the environment.

Reduce Your Carbon Footprint

Do you know what your carbon foot print is? EPA's interactive climate change Web page has a personal carbon calculator and information on ways individuals can reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

- http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ind_calculator.html

Save Energy

EPA's Energy Star Web page is the great place for consumers to find energy efficient products that are good for the environment and their wallets. Search this site to find the latest information on energy efficient electronics, lighting and cooling systems.

- <http://www.energystar.gov/homeimprovement>

Use Water Efficiently

Visit EPA's WaterSense Web page to learn how efficient products and smart water choices can save money and help protect our nation's water supply.

- <http://www.epa.gov/watersense/> <<http://www.epa.gov/watersense/>>

EPA's mission is to protect human health and the environment. The agency is recognized as a trusted source for the most up to date and accurate environmental information. As you plan your Earth Day coverage, look to the world leader on environmental information.

- <http://www.epa.gov/newsroom/>

- <http://www.epa.gov/earthday>

7. NEW WATER STEWARDSHIP RESOURCE

Produced by the National Council of Churches Eco-Justice Programs, Water Stewards: A Toolkit for Congregational Care of Local Watersheds can be downloaded from the Web site. This resource contains an interactive adult education curriculum with ideas for worship and action to promote good water stewardship. <http://www.nccecojustice.org/network/forms/downlogin.php>

8. INTEGRATING "GREEN" EDUCATION INTO CLASS CURRICULUM

Education Reporting, Inc. facilitates the voices of teachers, education stakeholders, and parents in improving education and integrating "green" education into class curriculum. Education tools offered include symposiums, polls, free document downloads, free report card services, current research and data, and comprehensive resources about what is happening in K-12 learning communities. <http://educationreporting.com/GreenSchoolSymposium.aspx>

9. TOP 10 THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR THE PLANET

The March 2007 issue of Glamour magazine article The top 10 things you can do for the planet, by Lori Bongiorno, lists enviro-conscious actions we can all follow. Listed last, but not least, #10 is "Speak up!"

<http://www.glamour.com/news/articles/2007/03/top10things>

10. THE NET AND CHILDREN: STILL SCARY

David Kirkpatrick, Fortune

The title says it all. The Internet is a scary place for our children. Read about what MySpace and Facebook, two of the biggest social networking sites on the Web, are doing to help protect our kids at:

http://money.cnn.com/2007/02/12/magazines/fortune/net_child_safety.fortune/index.htm

11. ONE-STOP, INTERAGENCY WEBSITE FOR RECREATION RESERVATIONS

Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne and Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns today demonstrated a one-stop internet site for making reservations and exploring federal recreation lands. They led an event in the nation's capital formally launching a new web site, www.recreation.gov .

This interagency web site allows the public to view photos and information on thousands of recreation sites and activities from sightseeing at the Washington monument to canoeing in a Minnesota forest. The public can also use the recreation.gov site to make reservations and payments online

"Americans love to enjoy our parks, forests, historic sites and other public lands and we want to make it easier for them to do so," said Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne. "At Recreation.gov, Americans can

find, plan and reserve their 'place under the stars' on one internet website or with a single phone call."

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns added, "Recreation.gov not only simplifies reservations, it showcases the many opportunities to enjoy public lands. This is a refreshing change for those who have searched multiple web pages to make their recreation plans and it's an example of better coordination to better serve Americans."

Johanns and Kempthorne were joined by Deputy Director of Civil Works for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Steven Stockton and Deputy Director of Management for the President's Office of Management and Budget Clay Johnson at the launch event at USDA headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Recreation.gov is the result of an interagency partnership composed of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The web site supports the National Recreation Reservation Service, which consolidates the capability to reserve sites managed by these agencies.

Recreation.gov is one of President Bush's Electronic Government initiatives-an extensive plan established in 2002 to help federal government agencies work together to focus on serving citizens and businesses more efficiently and cost effectively by making their information and services easily accessible online.