

TIPS FOR TEACHERS

- Encourage as many students and teachers as possible to participate in the various Challenge options. Display the Fairchild Challenge sign-up poster in a teachers' common area so that teachers can see who else is participating.
- Each school screens its students' submissions to select the entries for evaluation by Fairchild panels. Peer evaluation is important. We encourage you to involve students as well as other teachers in the screening process.
- Refer to the website (www.fairchildgarden.org/fairchildchallenge) for answers to frequently asked questions, electronic copies of the Fairchild Challenge booklet, registration and option entry forms, applications for need-based grants for costs associated with Challenge projects, resources such as garden workshops and mini-grants, and more. Share the website with students.
- Visit www.fairchildgarden.org/middleschool for a list of suggested books and websites that may help students compete in this year's Challenge options.
- Whenever possible, try to make participation in Challenge options a schoolwide event; see our website for suggestions.
- Do not wait until the last day to submit your entries. We like early birds and gladly accept Challenge entries any time before the deadlines. Entries do not need to be submitted in chronological order.
- Fairchild staff members are available to present the Challenge program details to your classes, faculty meetings, ecology clubs, etc. Please e-mail us at challenge6-8@fairchildgarden.org to schedule a visit.
- Work with your school's media center to help publicize Challenge activities and results.
- During regular daytime hours, teachers with a valid school I.D. receive free admission to Fairchild. **This does not apply to special or evening events.**
- From October to May, school groups can participate in the Discovery program at Fairchild for \$5 per student. Reservations are required. For information and bookings, e-mail education@fairchildgarden.org or call 305.667.1651, ext. 3322.

