

FAIRCHILD CHALLENGE 2009 – 2010 OPTIONS AT A GLANCE: MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Fairchild Challenge Options	Due at Fairchild by 5:00 p.m.	Maximum points	Max. number of entries	See page number
1 Everglades: “River of Grass” Event: Thurs., Oct. 29, 6:30 p.m., TBA	Wed., Oct. 14	100	1 performance	12
2A Fairchild Challenge designs 2B Baynanza T-shirt design	Thurs., Oct. 29 (by 6:30 p.m.)	100 (50/entry) 100 (50/entry)	2 designs 2 designs	12 13
3 Botanical fashion show Event: Sat., Nov. 21, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Fairchild	Wed., Nov. 4	200	1 <u>set</u> of 2 outfits	14
4 Creative Writing: A Bug’s Life	Wed., Dec. 2	150 (50/entry)	3 essays	14
5A Art: Local edible plants (in drawing) 5B Art: Local edible plants (in sculpture) Optional art workshop: Sat., Dec. 5, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Fairchild	Wed., Jan. 13	100 (50/entry) 100 (50/entry)	2 drawings 2 sculptures	15 15
6 Interpretive Sign: Research Poster on Invasive Species	Wed., Feb. 24	100 (50/poster)	2 interpretive signs	16
7 Green Treasures: Intergenerational Interviews Optional workshops: Thurs., Nov. 12 and Fri., Nov. 13, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Wed., Feb. 24	300	1 booklet	16
8 Environmental action Event: Thurs., Apr. 29, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Fairchild	Wed., Apr. 14	400	1 presentation	17
9 School garden/habitat restoration	Wed., Apr. 14	400	1 report	18
10 Fairchild Challenge news video in two languages	Thur., Apr. 29	100	1 broadcast	19



AWARDS, PRIZES AND IMPORTANT DATES

The Fairchild Challenge 2009-2010 Awards Ceremony for middle schools will take place on Monday, May 17, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Fairchild’s Garden House. At this time, the following awards and prizes will be distributed:

- Each participating school receives **four-person family passes** to Fairchild and a limited number of **Fairchild Challenge T-shirts or drawstring backpacks** to distribute to students and teachers who participate actively.
- Each middle school that earns more than 800 points receives the **Fairchild Challenge Award**.
- Each school that receives the Fairchild Challenge Award for five consecutive years will become a **Fairchild Challenge School of Excellence**.
- The first-place (top-scoring) school receives **\$1,000**, the following five schools each receive **\$500**, and the next ten schools each receive **\$250** to be used for their schools’ environmental activities.
- Each student that is awarded first place for individual options will receive a medal. First-place group entries will receive one trophy and up to five medals.
- Each participating school may select one teacher **and** one student **Environmental Role Model (ERM)** using the online form available in April.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE FAIRCHILD CHALLENGE 2009 – 2010 FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Saturday, August 29	Fairchild Challenge teachers’ information lunch at Fairchild, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 26	Environmental action workshop for teachers at Fairchild, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 3	School garden workshop for teachers at Fairchild, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 7	NEEF-sponsored “Be Water Wise Miami” education mini-grant applications due (option 8 and 9)
Wednesday, October 14	Entry form and text for “Everglades: River of Grass” (option 1) due at Fairchild
Saturday, October 17	Environmental action workshop for teachers at Fairchild, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 29	Entry forms and entries for options 2A and 2B due at Fairchild
Thursday, October 29	“Everglades: River of Grass” performances (option 1), location TBA, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 4	Botanical fashion show (option 3) entry form and narrative due at Fairchild
Monday, November 9	Art workshop opportunity enrollment period begins
Thursday, November 12	Green Treasures interviews in Spanish at Fairchild, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Friday, November 13	Green Treasures interviews in Haitian Creole at Fairchild, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Monday, November 16	Deadline to enroll in art workshop opportunity
Saturday, November 21	Botanical fashion show (option 3) at Fairchild’s Ramble Festival, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 2	Entry form and entries for option 4 due at Fairchild
Saturday, December 5	Art workshop opportunity (options 5A and 5B) at Fairchild, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 12	School garden workshop for teachers at Fairchild, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 13	Entry forms and entries for options 5A and 5B due at Fairchild
Saturday, January 23	Pine rockland workday opportunity (option 8), site and time to be announced
Wednesday, February 24	Entry form and entries for option 6 due at Fairchild
Wednesday, February 24	Entry form and entry for option 7 due at Fairchild
Wednesday, April 14	Entry form for option 8 due at Fairchild
Wednesday, April 14	Entry form and entry for option 9 due at Fairchild
Thursday, April 29	Entry form and entry for option 10 due at Fairchild
Thursday, April 29	Environmental Action Reports (option 8) at Fairchild, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 8	Fairchild Challenge teachers’ end-of-year lunch at Fairchild, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Monday, May 17	Awards ceremony for middle schools at Fairchild, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
May 18 – 25	Period to retrieve entries from Fairchild