

Important Dates

Friday, September 10	Fairchild Challenge Leadership Forum registration deadline
Thursday, September 23	Fairchild Challenge Leadership Forum
Saturday, October 2	Lake Ecology Workshop opportunity at Fairchild
Wednesday, October 6	Options 1 & 2 entry forms and requisite materials due
Wednesday, October 20	Florida ecosystems performance event at Fairchild
Friday, October 29	Options 3A, 3B & Fairchild Challenge Educator entry forms and entries due
Wednesday, November 3	Fall EID at various sites
Wednesday, November 10	Option 4 entry form and requisite materials due
Saturday, November 20	Botanical Fashion Show at Fairchild
Wednesday, December 8	Option 5 entry form and entries due
Saturday, December 11	Art Workshop opportunity at Fairchild
Wednesday, January 19	Option 6 entry form due
Saturday, January 22	Pine Rockland workday opportunity
Wednesday, January 26	Options 7A & 7B entry forms and entries due
Saturday, January 29	Environmental Debates at Fairchild
Wednesday, February 9	Option 8 entry form and requisite tables due
Saturday, February 26	Research Projects Showcase at Fairchild
March 7 – March 30	School Garden visits (by appointment)
Wednesday, March 30	Option 9 entry form and requisite materials due
Wednesday, April 6	Option 2 entry form due
Wednesday, April 27	Option 10 entry form and requisite materials due
Tuesday, May 3	Spring EID at various sites
Thursday, May 19	Fairchild Challenge High School Awards Ceremony

Refer to the High School Fairchild Challenge booklet for option details.



Fairchild Challenge Leadership Forum

Thursday, September 23

3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Visitor Center, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

Register by September 10

The Fairchild Challenge Leadership Forum welcomes students interested in becoming environmental leaders in their school and community. Join us for this hands-on workshop with like-minded students from schools throughout South Florida. **RSVP to rsvpedu@fairchildgarden.org**



"It is so nice to see other students my age who follow the same ideas and principles that I do."

Student, Miami Springs Senior High

"It was very informative; I thought that all the schools had great ideas that I can take back to my school to spread awareness of the one thing that I love: the environment."

Student, South Plantation High

OUR MISSION IS TO SAVE TROPICAL PLANT DIVERSITY BY EXPLORING, EXPLAINING AND CONSERVING THE WORLD OF TROPICAL PLANTS; FUNDAMENTAL TO THIS TASK IS INSPIRING A GREATER KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE FOR PLANTS AND GARDENING SO THAT ALL CAN ENJOY THE BEAUTY AND BOUNTY OF THE TROPICAL WORLD.

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E.L.F.

Environmental Leaders of Fairchild

**Empowering teen leaders for success
in environmental initiatives**



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"A small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history."

– Mahatma Gandhi



What is E.L.F.?

E.L.F., Environmental Leaders of Fairchild, is a club designed to facilitate environmental initiatives and the Fairchild Challenge at high schools where it is established.

The purpose of the club is to build leadership by empowering students to initiate environmental action projects and organize their school's participation in the Fairchild Challenge.

Why should I join (or start) E.L.F. at my school?

As a member or officer of E.L.F., you will have the chance to:

- encourage environmental awareness and stewardship at your school.
- inspire your peers to become environmental leaders.
- apply your passion for the environment as an Option Coordinator for the Fairchild Challenge competition.
- guide students towards the successful completion of Fairchild Challenge option entries.
- work with students, teachers, and community organizers to implement initiatives and service projects that protect the environment.
- gain insight into environmental careers, so you can continue making a difference.
- develop communication and leadership skills essential for future success.



Club Activities Guide

August/September

- Establish school club, work with activities director
- Organize club meeting and recruit members
- Appoint Option Coordinators
- Plan and begin environmental action project(s)
- Prepare for Options 1 & 2

October/November

- Note the many due dates for October and November— Options 1 through 4
- Organize application materials for Environmental Immersion Day, Option 2
- Rehearse/perform Option 1
- Create fashion accessories and attend the Fashion Show, Option 4
- Implement environmental action project(s)

December/January

- Prepare for Options 5 through 7 that are due in December and January
- Recruit for research projects
- Continue environmental action project(s)

February/March

- Prepare for Research Projects Showcase, Option 8
- Plant/grow your garden, take pictures, gather data, Option 9
- Schedule garden visit
- Continue environmental action project(s)
- Begin environmental action report

April/May

- Organize application materials for Environmental Immersion Day, Option 2
- Complete environmental action report, Option 10
- Attend the Awards Ceremony, at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
- Seniors, join the Fairchild Challenge Alumni Movement! See www.fairchildchallenge.org/alumni



Officer Responsibilities

President:

- Lead meetings and oversee officers
- Represent your school at forums and meetings, as needed
- Serve as a school/Fairchild Challenge liaison
- Seek approval for fundraising and other club activities
- Coordinate club activities and initiatives

Vice President:

- Assist the President
- Perform presidential duties when the President is unable to do so
- Work with teachers and assist with forms and paperwork

Secretary:

- Take minutes and attendance at meetings
- Keep track of club and member paperwork and records, and Fairchild Challenge questionnaires
- Keep records of environmental action projects

Treasurer:

- Maintain a club budget
- Collect club dues and fees from members, if applicable
- Coordinate and document fundraising events and money collected

Historian:

- Document club events and activities
- Share pictures with Fairchild Challenge staff and club members; use them to help with recruitment
- Create a scrapbook (paper or electronic) of Fairchild Challenge and club events
- Document and record environmental action initiatives to include in the Environmental Action report, Option 10

Option Coordinators:

- Recruit students/teachers for options
- Manage and organize student involvement in options
- Choose club option deadlines **earlier** than the Fairchild Challenge due dates
- Assist teachers with option submissions