

TIPS FOR TEACHERS

- Fairchild staff members are available to present the Fairchild Challenge program details to your classes, faculty meetings, ecology clubs, etc. Please e-mail us at challenges9-12@fairchildgarden.org to schedule a visit.
- Encourage as many students and teachers as possible to participate in the various Challenge options. Consider tying options to community service hours, or doing options as club activities.
- 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 our website (www.fairchildchallenge.org) 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 Fairchild Challenge projects, resources such as garden workshops and mini-grants, and more. Share the website with students!
- Visit our website for resources, including a list of suggested books and websites that may help students compete in this year's Challenge options.
- **Remember to schedule your Environmental Immersion Day (option 2 fall or spring) and School Garden (option 9) staff visit early in the school year.**
- Whenever possible, try to make participation in Challenge options a school wide event. See option requirements and our website for suggestions.
- Do not wait until the last day to submit your entries. We like early birds and gladly accept Fairchild Challenge entries any time before the deadlines. Entries do not need to be submitted in chronological order.
- Work with your school's media center to help publicize Fairchild Challenge activities and results.
- This year we are offering a Challenge option specifically for teachers, and we encourage you to participate, see page 12 for details.
- Encourage your students to participate in the Global Option (option 3A) and Showcases (options 7A, 7B, 9 and 10).
- During regular daytime hours, teachers with valid school identification receive free admission to Fairchild. **Free admission does not apply to evening events.**
- From October through May, school groups can participate in the Discovery program at Fairchild for \$6 per student. Reservations are required. For information and bookings, call 305.667.1651, ext. 3322.

