



TIPS FOR TEACHERS

Fairchild Challenge staff is available to present the Fairchild Challenge program details to your classes, faculty meetings, ecology clubs, etc. Please e-mail us at challenge6-8@fairchildgarden.org to schedule a visit.

Encourage as many students and teachers as possible to participate in the various challenges. Consider tying challenges to community service hours, or doing challenges 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 challenge 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 your students!

Visit our website for resources, including a list of suggested books and websites that may help students compete in this year's challenges.

Remember to schedule your School Garden (challenge 8) Fairchild Challenge staff visit early in the school year.

Whenever possible, try to make participation in challenges a school wide event. See challenge 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.

The Fairchild Challenge is partnering with Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI) to offer a Global Challenge (3B) and Showcases (5, 8 and 9) to participating Fairchild Challenge middle schools. For more information, see www.fairchildchallenge.org/satellitepartners/global

Work with your school's media center to help publicize Fairchild Challenge activities and results. This year we are offering a **challenge specifically for teachers**, and we encourage you to participate, see page 10 for details.

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.