Education Announcements

An Opportunity: Teens for Planet Earth

Teens for Planet Earth (TPE) was created to help teens who are fascinated by wildlife, nature and the environment put their passion into practice. The TPE website has the latest environmental news, stories of real life role models in conservation, resources such as websites and books, and much more. Best of all, our fun, interactive guides support teens as they develop an environmental service-learning project that will make a real difference in their local community. Teens discover their conservation personality, decide which type of service-learning project they want to do, and then create an action plan.

But that's not all! We are also committed to educators and youth leaders interested in supporting young people's interest in conservation. Register online with Teens for Planet Earth and we will help you carry out an environmental service-learning project. Then, if we like what you have done, we will call you a chance to showcase your work on our website. And the best work will qualify for FREE participation in our Global Teen Summit, an international gathering of youth who have completed similar projects! The Submit will take place in India in the summer of 2008.

So to become an "Adult advisor" and tap into our resources visit the website: www.teensforplanetearth.org, and learn how to get involved! Or contact Judy Unis at <junis@wcs.org> or Jeanine Silversmith at <jsilversmith@wcs.org> for more information.

World Environment Day 2007 -Announcement for supply of Education Materials from SANIZE/ZOO

World Environment Day is on 5th June and the slogan selected for 2007 is **"Melting Ice a Hot Topic?".** In support of International Polar Year, the WED theme selected for 2007 focuses on the

effects that climate change is having on polar ecosystems and communities, and the ensuing consequences around the world.

It is less than 2 months away to celebrate it. Zoo Outreach Organisation tries to help you to celebrate these events by providing free education materials, which is to be used in a very specific way. Our reason for this is simple – educational research indicates that people of all ages remember things best if they are not just passively listening. They remember if they are having fun, or doing something, or if an emotional experience is connected with learning. That is why we distribute packets with several items to be used in activities, rather than just a booklet or brochure of facts.

We offer you education materials on animal themes for World Environment Day even though this year's WED slogan is different. However, all wild animals are intimately related to the earth and the environment, so it is very appropriate to select a taxon group or species and base your WED celebrations around it.

We have some education materials such as packets, colouring book, posters, t-shirts etc. The packets contain a variety of items such as poster, booklet, mask, etc. *If you are interesed you can fill the order form that is given in next page with a* small proposal in a separate sheet indicating what you will do, whom you will call, and how you will relate the contents to the event along with the order form on or before 15th May 2007.

We look forward to your participation in the World Environment Day.

Sally Walker

Regional Representative South Asian Network of International Zoo Educators (SANIZE)

many of whom read what kids bring home) a more positive and constructive orientation to this issue hoping that they will adopt a more practical attitude towards the animals and the behaviour. The packet explains this and also gives some monkey-do and monkey-don'ts which should help kids learn how to stay out of monkey trouble.

We conducted a short programme on 02nd March 2007 for a selected number of 23 students aged between 11-14 years. We shared with the students the monkey trouble and listened to the experiences of the students. Then the contents of the packets were briefed. They were explained in detail about the causes of monkey problem handling the situation using the booklet. Students actively involved in the discussion sharing their experience. Students wore the masks and tying the Rakhis each other and took an oath to "stop leaving garbage out in the open". Then, sufficient time was given to explore the

materials. We also took some time to evaluate what they understood about the theme using a questionnaire.

According to the evaluation results the students understood that — People don't know how to act around monkeys, and make mistakes. The biggest mistake people make with monkeys is by feeding them. The best way to handle is not to feed them and stop leaving garbage out in the open. The students also committed to educate people about do's and don'ts.

The teachers expressed their interest to continue educating rest of the school children in the future. We would like to thank Ms. Shahnaz Begum Deka and Ms. Seema Singh, science teacher for organising this programme. Submitted by: B.A. Daniel & R. Marimuthu, Zoo Outreach Organisation.

World Environment Day 2007 - Order form

PLEASE FAX OR EMAIL THIS FORM TO US on or before 15 May 2007

Name & designation			
Complete Address for mailing			
Communication – please circle	Office Phone	Residence phone	
BEST method for you	Fax	Email	
	Order for materials		No. items requested
	Subject: Zoos		
	onservation Strategy (74 page book) thi as a prize to participants of competitions. (Y we could possibly provide more.)		
Asia (28 page colour booklet about the prize for important zoo visitors or parti adult programmes we could possibly programmes.)		sian Zoo Association) – a nice gift or o 10 copies. For special university or	
WZACS Poster: An attractive colour p 25.	oster about World Zoo and Aquarium Conser	vation Strategy. You may order up to	
people how to recognize good and bad its staff. It also explains how individua of the gaps in its management. You ma	ation careless zoo (UFAW) - The packet co things in a zoo and warns them not to use the lls, informal groups and organized societies of ay order up to 25 packets. We will send you e uct the programme and evaluate at the end.	nese things to cause harm to a zoo or r clubs can help a city zoo fill some	
	Subject: Primates		
with background plant drawings - helps with a small colour poster of the South	ook - this 24 page colouring book features als kids learn how to differentiate between ther Asian primates. (you can order up to 25 boo painting on site for kids, you could order this	m and also what they eats. It comes ok). If you are planning a much	
Monkey Manners - This introduces kids to a systematic approach to the free-ranging monkey problem which has become such a big issue today. The aim is to give kids (and also parents, many of whom read what kids bring home) a more positive and constructive orientation to this issue hoping that they will adopt a more practical attitude towards the animals and the behaviour. When you order this we will send you some evaluation forms for both organizer and for the participant to get a feed back about this materials and the utility of the packet. You may order up to 25 packets and plan a programme using this packet.			
	Subject: Bats & Rats		
classroom work with youngsters of abo that age. Organisers conducting comp this booklet for a big group of kids, ser	et - this 24 page booklet of activities and ga ut ages 10-15 They would also make good p etitions may order up to 15 as prizes. If you ad a very detailed description of your progran	orizes for competitions for kids of wish to organize a programme using nme.	
Rodent CAMP Summary – a 24 page booklet about the conservation of Rodents. This is an attractive reference booklet about conservation the Critically Endangered species of Rodents. Much detailed information. Not for children. Programme organizers who wish to teach about Rodents may like to order it a copy for reference. Also if you are organizing a programme for teachers or older (HS or college) students you may order up to 25 copies.			
	Subject: Bears		
their parents and siblings and friends N	and attractive educational packet with the pu IOT to patronize dancing bear show. Kids are to 50 copies for a programme about dancing	provided with a badge, pledge card	

assorted sizes. Contract:

I agree to pay transport charges for packets, organize an event with an appropriate target group, pay postage for items, and submit a written report of the event, including -- in addition to your written description – photos, press clippings (if available), examples of comments, paintings, essays done by participants.

Bear Poster (Hindi). An attractive poster about Indian sloth bears. These would make nice prizes for competitions.

Bear T-shirts - It has the image of four South Asian bears. Maximum 10 will be given to your bear programme in

Signature : _____

You can order up to 20 as prizes or 50 per programme about bears.

Transport method – please select one and have one alternate	
Speedpost (insure this facility is available in your city)	
Courier: select one	
Prakash Airfreight Courier/ Professional Courier	
Registered parcel:	

Please note: Speed post and courier do not work out as per contract in the North East and some other distant places. You MUST allow at least one week delivery even with these methods! ZOO cannot responsible for such delays.

Please send the form back at the earliest by fax (by post also) to:

Zoo Outreach Organisation

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