



Inspires Teens • Supports Teachers
Enriches Communities

Environmental Network News

Newsletter: Issue 5
1

Winter 2010



International Day Of Climate Group Shot

The Voices Rang out as we did “Tell it On the Mountain”

This year's International Day of Climate was a huge success. Hundreds of people from throughout the Bay Area decided to gather on top of Mount Diablo in order to show their support towards the growing battle against climate change. This was a united action to join the millions of others across the world who are fighting in the same cause.

Voices rang loud to proclaim the banding together of 350 people who were going to “Tell it On the Mountain!”

IN THIS ISSUE

Tell It On the Mountain feature.....	1-2
EarthTeam Highlights/Program Stats....	3
The Green News/Aqua Team Comic...	4-5
Climate Action/Youth For Clean Air.....	6
Mark Your Calendar.....	8

“It was a rich experience for the students. They were thrilled to be so high, got their first good view of the Central Valley and Sierra Nevada mountains, bonded, and felt like they were contributing to a larger movement -- thank you for the experience!”

*Julie Edwards, ELA teacher at San Lorenzo HS,
10/27*

Cindy Spring, who was the main brain behind this event, along with Earth Team's own, Caroline Sandifer, and many other volunteers, did an excellent job of promoting, recruiting, and organizing to make this event the success it was. The goal was to make a human necklace, where each person represented a bead that would connect with fabric to make a 3600 foot necklace that went on the summit trail around the mountain. It was quite a beautiful site to see both youth and adults come together to stand for the same cause.

Millions of people joined in with their own actions across the world. It was a proud moment for us all to be a part of such an impacting expression to let the world know we do care about our planet!

EarthTeam Newsletter

Tell It On the Mountain

Newsletter: Issue 5

2

Winter 2010



Aerial Photos by Scott Hein



Students and teachers from schools like Skyline HS, San Lorenzo HS, Oakland School of the Arts, Campolindo HS, Albany High, Alameda HS, and the Green Screen were all there to show their support! Everyone had an amazing time...take a look for yourself what some had to say!

"I feel happy and accomplished – I could be a part of a global activity."

"A uniting experience."

"I liked how we worked together to send a message."

"It made me realize how important climate change is to the earth."

"I feel it was a fun, engaging, symbolic act – a human art project"

"Proving the passion we have for the environment to government officials who have the power to make large scale changes."

"I think it's great to make a statement and be heard."

"It sends an important message, and everything counts. Personally, it felt good to make a difference."



Students from Skyline HS



350.org

Scientists have identified 350 ppm to be the safe number for emissions of CO₂; we are currently at 387. 350.org is dedicated to increase the international awareness for the need to lower CO₂ levels in the earth's atmosphere.

MISSION STATEMENT

To create a new generation of environmental stewards and leaders by introducing into the classroom and the community environmental experiences that inspire dedication to a healthy environment.

A Year in Highlights Final Stats for 08-09 School Year

- * Students contributed **2,232** volunteer hours to their local environment through restoration activities; they cleared **542** feet of riparian habitat of invasive species and/or trash, cleared trash from **500** linear feet of shoreline, and created or restored **1,100** square meters of native habitat or garden space.
- * **13** students participated in a yearlong Richmond watershed education project. These students participated in **27** after school meetings and **12** restoration workdays at **8** watershed sites. These Aqua Team students contributed **489** hours of community service through this project.
- * **20** middle and high school students, primarily from the Richmond area, were trained in all areas of television production. These teens created and hosted **8**, 30-minute episodes of Green Screen, EarthTeam's environmentally-themed TV show, which aired on eleven East Bay television stations.
- * Students from across the country submitted **294** works of art and writing to the Green News, EarthTeam's 100% student-created online magazine, which is emailed to over **3,000** subscribers each month.
- * **13** schools conducted the Waste Action project at their schools, conducting waste audits and peer education activities that reached out to a combined student population of **17,312**.
- * **600** students from **20** East Bay classrooms participated in the air pollution and asthma research and action project, where they measured indoor air quality, outdoor particulate pollution, and asthma prevalence at their schools.



Quincy Neely, Grade 11, El Cerrito HS - filming an episode of the Green Screen

Check out the latest websiodes online at:
www.youtube.com/user/GreenScreenTV

GSTV: Eco Friendly Cribs

PLANet Youth Conference 2009

ALSO

Our latest full episode, #26, is up on our website:
www.thegreenscreentv.net

EarthTeam Environmental Network

Maggie Fleming, Executive Director

Kevin Sherrill, Restoration Program Director — **Chiara Swartout**, Aqua Team Watershed Educator — **Lana Husser**, Multimedia Coordinator
Liz Morán, Program Assistant — **Doug Scott**, Green Screen Production Assistant
Caroline Sandifer, Climate Action Campaign Director — **Jillian Jacobson**, Something's In the Air Program Director
Abel Buickerood, Webmaster — **Maya Rappaport**, Speaker's Bureau Coordinator

Board of Directors

Katharine Barrett, President, UC Botanical Gardens, Education Director -retired, **Xavier Fernandez**, Financial Vice President, San Francisco Estuary Project, Environmental Scientist, **Dan Hanel**, Heritage High School, Asistant Principal, **Tendai Chitewere**, San Francisco State University, Assistant Professor, Liberal Studies, **Whitney Dotson**, Ch. Parchester Village, Ch. N. Richmond Shoreline, **Shielah Fish**, EarthTeam Founder, **Paul Goldberg**, Rockwood Leadership Institute, Development Associate, **Janet Lovell**, Crockett High School, Science Teacher, **Michele Perrault**, Sierra Club, International VP

Ray Wan, EarthJustice, Marketing Manager, **Justin Watkins**, UC Cooperative Extension, School Garden Coordinator

To Contact Us:

EarthTeam Environmental Network is located at 2525 10th St, Unit B, Berkeley, CA 94710

We can be reached at (510) 704-4030 or via email at info@earthteam.net

Visit us on the web at www.earthteam.net

EarthTeam Newsletter

Selections from the Green News

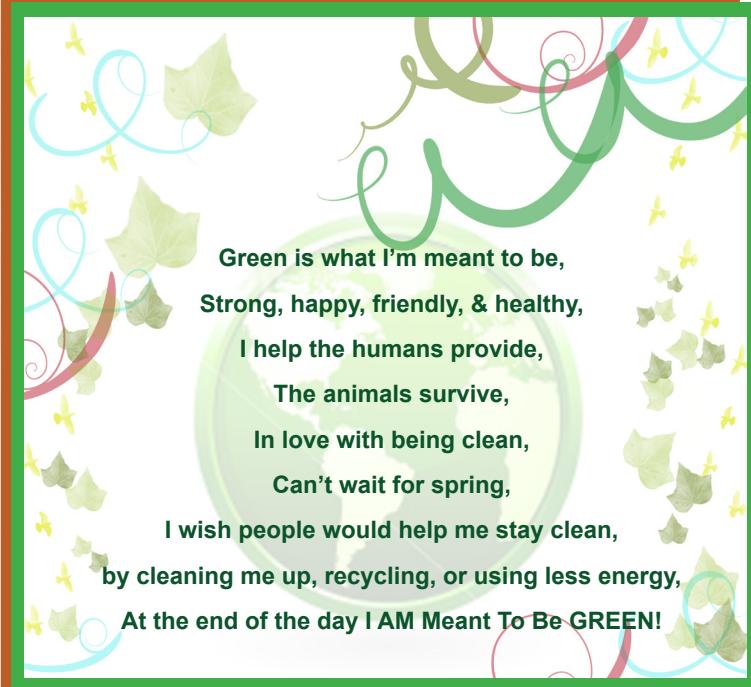
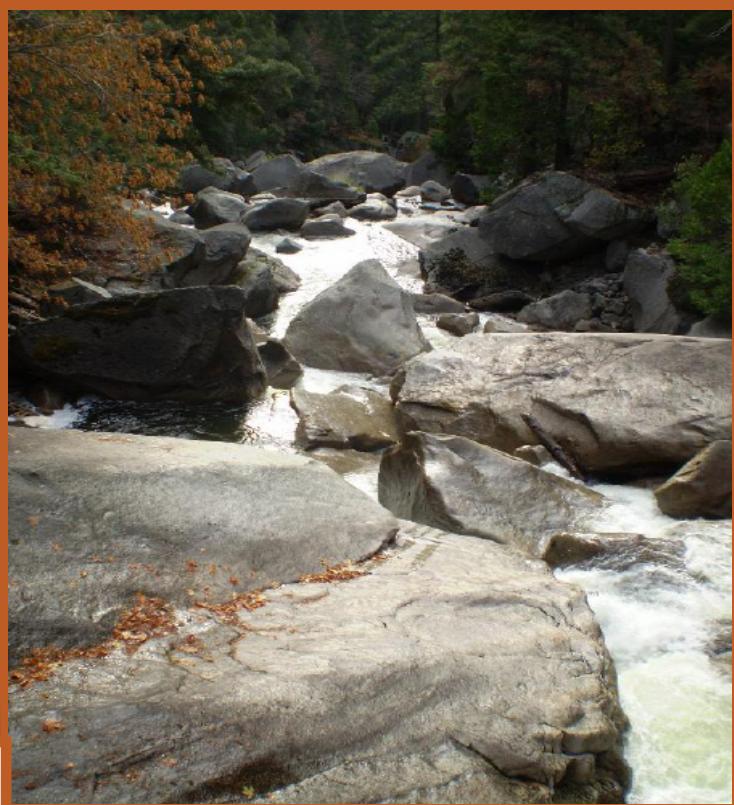
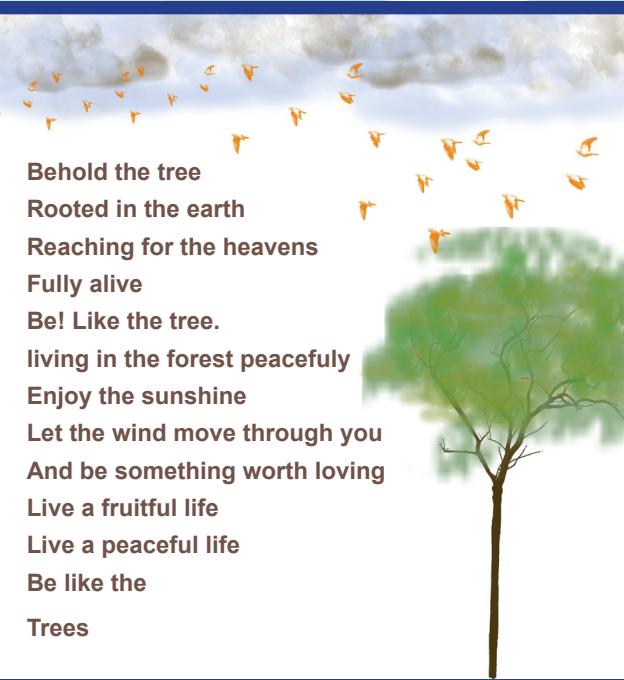
We accept New
Submissions
Every 30th of the
Month...

Newsletter: Issue 5

4

Winter 2010

The Vibrant Leaves, Linda Ho, Gr. 12, San Lorenzo HS,
San Lorenzo, CA



Green, Olachi Obioma, Gr. 12, Richmond HS,
Richmond, CA

The Aqua Team, a yearlong stewardship and leadership program for urban teens featuring watershed education and restoration...

"The Aqua Team" Comic

Newsletter: Issue 5
5

Winter 2010



EarthTeam Newsletter

Trashy fashions make a statement...

Newsletter: Issue 5

6

Winter 2010

EarthTeam's Climate Action Campaign teens joined forces with Generation Green, Sustainable Moraga, Sustainable Lafayette, and Parents for a Safer Environment to co-host the 2009 April Green Rheem movie event. The group selected "Garbage: The Revolution Starts at Home," as the movie for the event for April 9th. This documentary features a family that kept trash in their garage for three months to see how much waste they produced during that time. EarthTeam's students organized several activities for the event to educate attendees about recycling and waste reduction, including running an informational booth in the lobby during the pre-movie reception. The highlight of the evening was the "trashy fashion show." Each student dressed in a costume made of recycled materials. The creative outfits each advertised a different waste product and its effect on the environment, including aluminum, plastic bags, and film. The fashion show, utilizing plastic bag skirts, Styrofoam dresses, and an impressive ensemble made entirely of six-pack rings, not only showed off creativity but reminded audience members that what they leave at the curbside affects the world they live in. The event was a huge success, and EarthTeam looks forward to co-hosting another Green Rheem movie event in the coming year.



From left to right: Sara Deewolf, Campolindo HS 2009, Clara Tsao, Miramonte HS 2009, Emily Lin, Las Lomas HS 2009, Phoebe Song, Las Lomas HS 2009, Kela Felton, Orinda Intermediate, Zoe Pehrson, Miramonte HS 2009, Rachel Tsao, Miramonte HS 2009



SITA, Air and Resources Board Meeting, Sacramento, CA - Oakland HS & Mandela HS

Fighting to Keep Our Air Clean

Both teachers and students are uniting in the **fight to find solutions** to the East Bay's air quality problems. One of EarthTeam's newest programs, **Something's in the Air**, will be working with over **750 students** this year to investigate health issues caused by air pollution inside and outside the classroom.

EarthTeam is also excited to announce the start of a new program called **Youth for Clean Air**. This is a group of ten students from Mandela High School who will be working together throughout this year to address the air quality issues in East Oakland. Each week these students will meet to develop solutions to the air quality issues that keep asthma rates in teens higher in Alameda County than most counties in California. Earth Team will be guiding these students through the Something's in the Air curriculum, and supporting them as they create projects throughout the year.

Something's in the Air! SITA will be in **25 classes** this year, involving teens in air quality and asthma research and action projects. SITA will be at the following high schools this year: Pinole Valley, Richmond, Hercules, Oakland, Skyline, Mandela and more.

Tune in to find out how you can take action for cleaner air!

Visit www.earthteam.net and click on **Something's in the Air**.

EarthTeam would like to thank the following supporters

for their commitment to our youth and the environment, and for making our projects and events possible.

The following list represents donations received or committed since May 1, 2008.

Primary Sponsors (\$10,000+)

Altamont Education Advisory Board
Bay Area Air Quality Management District
California Coastal Commission
California Council for the Humanities
Central Contra Costa County Solid Waste Authority
City of Richmond
Cowell Foundation
The Clorox Company Foundation
Dean Witter Foundation
East Bay Community Foundation
EPA
The Firedoll Foundation
Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund
Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit Fund
Mendelson Family Fund
Motorola Foundation
REI
The Rose Foundation
San Francisco Foundation
S.D. Bechtel Foundation
Stewardship Council
Stopwaste
Thomas J. Long Foundation
West Contra Costa County Integrated Waste Management (RecycleMore)
Sheilah Wishek

Sponsors (\$5,000-\$9,999)

Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority
Divco West
Louise Clark
Sheilah & Harry Fish
Open Circle Foundation
PG&E
Save the Redwoods League
UC Berkeley Chancellors' Community Partnership
West Contra Costa Unified School District

Supporters (\$1,000-\$4,999)

Cliff Bar Family Foundation
Contra Costa Community Watershed Project
County of Marin

Dow Corporation

Eric and Erin Fish
Lafayette Community Foundation
Morrison and Foerster Law Firm
Patagonia
Richmond Community Benefit Fund
State of California, Department of Public Health
The Watershed Project

Partners (\$500-\$999)

Reginald & Katharine Barrett
Berry & Berry Law Firm
Mt. Diablo Audubon Society
Sallie and Richard Olsen, in honor of Zane Olsen
James & Jagoda Perich-Anderson
Cindy Spring

Patrons (\$200-\$499)

Ellen and Larry Beans
Janet and Ken Forman
James Garrett
Paul Goldberg
Piyush Gupta & Alka Sabherwal
Dan Hanel
Lois Laine
James and Jagoda Perich-Anderson
Marilyn Vaage

Friends (\$100-\$199)

P. Barrett Jr
Nancy Barton
John & gail Buchbinder
William B Chiasson & Carol E. Chiasson
Dhru Elerbey
Xavier Fernandez
George and Doris Krevsky
Frank & Zeva LaHorgue, in honor of Sheilah & Harry Fish
Robert Lane
David McGee
Pacific Rim Recycling, Inc
Michele Perrault, in honor of Sheilah & Harry Fish
Point Reyes National Seashore Association
Froilan Ramos

Betty Smelser
Joseph R. Sutton
Richard Walking
Jennifer White

Members (\$1-\$99)

Anjanette & Marquise Adams
Bruce & Lisa Bargahn
James and Rosalie Barrett
Barbara Bream
Tenda Chitewere
Barbara & William Cooper
Carol and Clark Custodio
Carrie Del Boccio
Jessica Fields
Lisa Frost and Thomas Orput
Marilyn Foreman
Kimi Hosoume
Daniel Levine
Debra Maze
Evelyn & Joseph Melanson
Patricia Padgett-Rogers
Peter Rogers
Marilyn Russell
Ginger Parnes
Maya Rappaport
Francesco & Susan Rockwood
Susan Schwartz
Tom Tyler
Gaye Walton-Price
Morris Wang

In-Kind Supporters

AISO.net
Autumn Press
Berkeley Community Media
Black Creek Builders
The Dreyers Foundation
Ex'pression College for Digital Arts
Green Gallery Landscaping
KCRT

**Yes, I want to support EarthTeam's work with teens and teachers.
Enclosed is my membership contribution of:**

\$30 \$50 \$100 \$500 \$1000 Other \$ _____

Name: _____

Payment method:

Email: _____

Here's my check payable to EarthTeam

Street: _____

Charge my VISA or Mastercard

City: _____ State: _____

Card No: _____ Exp: _____

Zip: _____ Tel: _____

Last 3 or 4 digits on reverse: _____

Signature: _____

Thank you for your support! EarthTeam is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Please put me on EarthTeam's email update list

I would like to volunteer

Please mail to:

**EarthTeam Environmental Network
2525 10th Street, Unit B,**



EarthTeam Newsletter

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Jan. 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr Celebration/Restoration Day Event
- March 20 – Cesar Chavez Celebration/ Restoration Day Event
- April 20 – Earth Day and Earth-Team's 10th Anniversary (details to be announced)
- May 5 - Deadline for Visuals & Voices
- May 2010 – Year End Celebration (details to be announced)



EarthTeam Environmental Network
2525 10th Street, Unit B
Berkeley, CA 94710

SEE INSIDE FOR...

- *Feature on 350.org's "Go tell it on the Mountain"!
- *Spotlight on Something's In the Air!
- *Student Writing and Art from "The Green!"
- *Program Updates & Announcements!
- And more....