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The City of Los Angeles Environmental Affairs Department was established in 1990 to advise the city on environmental issues and provide a centralized source of environmental information. The Environmental Affairs Department seeks to protect and enhance the environmental quality of life for residents, workers and visitors in the City of Los Angeles.

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EAD is Moving Back to City Hall

Please note that EAD, along with many other City of Los Angeles departments, will be moving back to City Hall now that the building's extensive seismic retrofit is complete. The move is scheduled for the end of this month. After the move, EAD will have a new address and new telephone numbers, which will be broadcast in our upcoming newsletters. Please note, however, that the toll free telephone number will not change: (800) 439-4666; so feel free to use that number when trying to contact anyone in our department during the transition process.



Places to Go to Learn How Things Grow...

The Los Angeles region contains many interesting places to explore nature—indoor as well as outdoor—a few of those are highlighted here:

The Botanical Gardens at the Huntington Library and Art Collections in San Marino, CA (1151 Oxford Road): The Gardens are a constantly-changing exhibition of color covering 130 acres. There are fifteen specialized gardens arranged within a park-like landscape of rolling lawns; these include the Desert, Japanese, Rose, Subtropical, Herb, and Palm Gardens. The camellia collection—located within two of the gardens—is one of the largest in the country. For more information about the Botanical Gardens, call (626) 405-2100 or visit: www.huntington.org.

The Chavez Ravine Arboretum: Founded in 1893 by the Los Angeles Horticultural Society, most of the Arboretum's original trees are still standing in their regal grandeur. Many of the trees are the oldest and largest of their kind in California or even the United States. Planting of rare trees in the Arboretum continued through the 1920s. For more information, call (213) 485-5054 or visit the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks website: <http://www.laparks.org/dos/horticulture/horticulture.htm>.

Exposition Rose Garden: Located at 701 State Drive, Los Angeles 90037, the Garden has been operated by the Los Angeles City Department of Recreation and Parks since 1928. The Rose Garden is visited by hundreds of Angelinos and tourists to the city each year. It is often used as an urban oasis by the local Community—as a place of quiet and refuge. On most weekends between April and November, it is the location of choice for weddings and photographs of family gatherings. For more information, call (213) 765-5397, E-mail: rosegarden@rap.lacity.org or visit: <http://www.laparks.org/exporosegarden/history.htm>.



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Water Conservation Tips

Water conservation is an important issue for all inhabitants of the City of Los Angeles. A large portion of the water we use comes from non-renewable sources which means once it is used, it is gone forever. Concern exists for the future supply of water and our need to bring it from more distant sources in the coming years. Each of us can do simple things every day in our homes that will conserve a great deal of water. This serves two purposes: it saves our water and it saves you money.

1. Check to see that your toilet does not leak. Put a few drops of food coloring in the tank. If the coloring appears in the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a wasteful leak. Often, leaks can be easily fixed with some inexpensive parts from a hardware store. *Amount saved: 60 gallons per day (gpd)*
2. Take quick showers. Limit your shower to the time it takes to soap up, wash down and rinse off, about 3 to 5 minutes. Even longer showers use less water than a bath. *Amount saved per person: 20 gpd*
3. Turn off the water while brushing your teeth. Fill a cup of water first and use this to rinse out your mouth. *Amount saved per person: 6 gpd*
4. If you are the bath loving-type, don't run the tap without closing the drain first. The warm water will take care of that first rush of cold water.
5. Use the dishwasher for full loads of dishes. If washing dishes by hand, fill a container or sink with water for rinsing off the dishes. *Amount saved: 25 gallons per load*
6. Use the washing machine for full loads of clothing. *Amount saved: 15 gallons per load*
7. Use containers to collect the rinse water in sinks or the first cold water of a shower. The water collected can be used for watering plants.

8. Watering plants and lawns should be done in the early part of the morning or the late evening. The cooler temperatures will cause less evaporation and the water will have a chance to soak into the soil.
9. Use a broom instead of a hose for cleaning driveways and sidewalks. *Amount saved per person: 150 gpd*

Below are some more permanent changes that require a little bit more time and a small investment. However, this equals savings on your water bill as well as benefits for the environment. Check out this link for water conservation tips that can save you lots of money: <http://www.ladwp.com/water/conserv/index.htm>.

1. Install a low-flow nozzle head in your shower. If you are a customer of the Department of Water and Power, you may be able to obtain one at no charge. Go to the link listed above or call (800) U-ASK-DWP (827-5397) or (800) 342-5397 for the location of the nearest office distributing them.
2. Install a City-approved ultra-low-flush toilet which uses only 1.6 instead of 3.5 to 5 gallons per flush. *Amount saved per person: 14 gallons per day*
3. Put a shut off nozzle on your garden hose which is especially useful when washing your car. Set up your car washing so the water will go to planted areas rather than out to the street. *Amount saved: 80 gallons*
4. Consider replacing lawn with xeriscaping. You can find more information concerning water-efficient gardening at <http://www.highcountrygardens.com/articles/xeric.html>.

School Awards

Now that the *Gardens for Kids LA*. "Salad Bowl Challenge" winners have been chosen, EAD staff and other City representatives are visiting the schools to present the awards and providing the students with gardening supplies and fun stuff to assist with their next plantings. See last month's newsletter for a list of winners.

Here, Melinda Bartlett, Division Director for Water and Natural Resources at EAD, and Eric Moses of Mayor Richard Riordan's Office are presenting Loretto Street Elementary with their award.



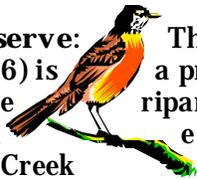
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Orcutt Ranch Horticulture Center: Orcutt Ranch is a secluded garden paradise nestled in the foothills of the west San Fernando Valley. This picturesque Spanish style estate is accented by marble statues, citrus groves, and towering oaks. The center is located at 23600 Roscoe Blvd., West Hills, CA 91304. For more information, call (818) 346-7449 or see: <http://www.laparks.org/dos/horticulture/horticulture.htm>.



Sepulveda Garden Center: The Sepulveda Garden Center (16633 Magnolia Boulevard, Encino, CA 91316) is a community garden operated by the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. The center occupies approximately 16 acres and contains roughly 420 garden plots, each about ten feet by twenty feet in size. Call (818) 784-5180 for more information or visit: <http://www.laparks.org/dos/horticulture/horticulture.htm>.

Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve: The present-day wildlife reserve (located at 16633 Magnolia Boulevard, Encino, CA 91316) is a product of several phases of development. The first effort in 1979 established the 48-acre riparian area south of Burbank Blvd. between the dam and the Los Angeles River. Formal establishment of the 60-acre habitat north of Burbank Blvd. between the dam and Haskell Creek in 1988 involved grading for the wildlife lake and extensive plantings of native annuals, shrubs, and trees. Pathways were created for educational and enjoyment purposes. The lake became filled with reclaimed water from the nearby Tillman Water Reclamation Plant in 1992. The latest and most extensive addition to the area is the 1998 expansion project funded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers adding an educational staging area and amphitheatre, various pathway/signage/viewing area improvements, new pedestrian bridges and a reconfiguration and revegetation of Haskell Creek, additional native plantings, and the formal inclusion of 60 additional acres west of Haskell Creek to Woodley Ave. Call (818) 344-8531 for more information or visit: <http://www.laparks.org/dos/horticulture/horticulture.htm>.



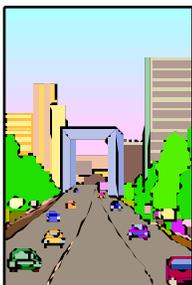
Watts Senior Center and Rose Garden: The Garden (1657 E. Century Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90002) features a rustic gazebo surrounded by an award winning assembly of roses. The Garden has a facility with an auditorium (capacity of 125), an atrium and waterfall, reception lounge, dining room, and kitchen. For more information, call (213) 564-9440 or see: <http://www.laparks.org/dos/horticulture/horticulture.htm>.

The Evan Frankel Discovery Center: The Center is located at the Augustus F. Hawkins Natural Park (5790 Compton Avenue, Los Angeles) and serves as a gateway to exploring the ecosystems within the region. The Center contains interpretive displays on animals and other wildlife in the Santa Monica mountains along with descriptive maps and information of the neighboring parkland in Southern California. The Center's programs include the Junior Rangers, gardening for children, the Homework Club, science-oriented classes with computer activities, and camping trips. Free bus rides from the Center to the mountains and beaches are offered to families on Saturdays. For more information, call Amy Lethbridge: (323) 221-9944, ext. 144 or call the Center directly: (323) 585-3205.



Ernest E. Debs Park (future site of the Los Angeles Audubon Center): The Park (4235 Monterey Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90052) is 282-acres and is home to more than 130 species of birds, and other wildlife located only 10 minutes from downtown Los Angeles. Sixteen acres of the Park have been dedicated by the Los Angeles City Council as the future site of the Audubon Center—to be completed in 2003—which will include exhibit and community meeting space, offices, a bookstore, a plaza, children's garden, amphitheater, hummingbird- and butterfly-gardens, and nature trails. Call (213) 847-3989 for more information about Debs Park or call Melanie Ingalls (323) 254-0252 regarding the Center.

Bringing the Boulevard Back



Santa Monica Boulevard will no longer be known as "Big" and "Little" because the two will be combined into one—in a five-year project of the City of LA in partnership with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Caltrans, and LA County. The project area is a segment of Historic Route 66 stretching from the Beverly Hills City limit to the 405 Freeway. The new boulevard will be a "super size" street—designed to mitigate its current congestion problems—with three travel lanes in each direction and a host of decorative elements including special bus stop benches, trash receptacles, planters, and new architectural treatments. To complete its image as a "Classic Boulevard" the new Santa Monica will be lined with more than one thousand trees. For details, contact Luis Ganaja

(213) 847-6301 or Carl Nelson (213) 847-6304 or see the project website: www.lacity.org/BPW/index.htm.

\$\$\$ FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES \$\$\$

(See the EAD website for ongoing grant opportunities without specific deadlines.)



Global Ocean Ecosystems Dynamics Project—Institutions of higher education, nonprofit agencies and international organizations are eligible for these grants. The deadline is June 10, 2001; contact Elizabeth Turner: (703) 292-8582.

Regional Environmental Stewardship Program—Institutions of higher education, local governments and private nonprofit organizations are eligible for these grants. The deadline is June 11, 2001; contact Karen Heisler: (415) 744-1100.

Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program—Urban communities are eligible for these grants. The deadline is June 18, 2001 and the contact person is Wayne Strum: (202) 565-1200.

Outreach for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Program—Community-based organizations, tribal colleges and universities, and institutions of higher education are eligible for these grants. The deadline is June 29, 2001 and the contact person is Sylvia Crowder: (202) 502-7514.

Patagonia Environmental Grants—Patagonia, an outdoor clothing supply and equipment company, offers grants to encourage the environmental work of organizations with a strong base of citizen support—particularly small, grassroots activist organizations with provocative direct-action campaigns. Grants range from \$3,000-\$8,000. The deadline is August 31, 2001. Contact Jill Zilligen or John Sterling, Patagonia Inc., P.O. Box 150, Ventura, CA 93002 or visit: www.patagonia.com/enviro/enviro_grants.shtml.

National and Regional Habitat Restoration Partners Program—Institutions of higher education, public nonprofit organizations, and local and state government agencies are eligible for these grants. The deadline is September 1, 2001 and the contact person is Christopher Doley: (301) 713-0174.

California Fertilizer Foundation—California schools are eligible for these grants. The deadline is October 1, 2001. To apply, download an application or contact the Foundation at 1801 I Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95814: (916) 446-3316/Fax: (916) 446-3067/E-mail: jenniferl@cpha.net/Internet: www.cpha.net.

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Here are a few examples of organizations which provide grants within local communities in or near the Los Angeles region. The organizations' information is excerpted from The Foundation Center, New York, NY (www.fdncenter.org).

The California Community Foundation: Established in 1915, the California Community Foundation was Los Angeles's first grantmaking institution. The Foundation makes grants to organizations serving the greater Los Angeles region in the following areas: human services, children and youth, community development, civic affairs, community health, community education, arts and culture, the environment, and animal welfare. Contact: (213) 413-4130; 445 South Figueroa St. Suite 3400, Los Angeles, CA 90071-1638; <http://www.calfund.org/>.

Claremont Community Foundation: The Claremont Community Foundation was established in 1989 to serve the community of Claremont, California, a town within the larger Los Angeles metropolitan area. The Foundation supports projects oriented at preserving the local cultural heritage, and has awarded grants to programs and special projects for the arts, health, welfare, education and history. Contact: (909) 398-1060; 205 Yale Avenue, Claremont, CA 91711; <http://www1.claremontfoundation.org/>.

Glendale Community Foundation: Founded in 1956 as part of Glendale's 50th anniversary celebration, the Glendale Community Foundation exists to improve the quality of life for the people of the greater Glendale community — Glendale, La Crescenta, La Cañada Flintridge, Montrose, and Verdugo City — by leveraging community assets. The Foundation administers gifts and grants according to donors' wishes and uses the income from unrestricted gifts to fund hard asset acquisitions and programming for local charities to make them more efficient and effective. Contact: (818) 241-8040; P.O. Box 313, Glendale, CA 91209-0313; <http://www.cwire.com/GCF/>.

The Pasadena Foundation: The Foundation serves as a leader, catalyst and resource for philanthropy and seeks to improve the lives of children, the disabled and seniors in Pasadena, Altadena and Sierra Madre, now and for future generations. The Foundation fosters, builds and preserves permanently endowed funds and community capital. Contact: (626) 796-2097; 16 N. Marengo Avenue, #300, Pasadena, California 91101; <http://www.pasadenafoundation.org/>.

JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EACH MONTH:

Down-by-the-River Walks



Friends of the Los Angeles River and the Sierra Club are sponsoring monthly walks along the banks of the LA River. Join them at **4:30 pm. on the third Sunday of each month** for an informal, leisurely, hour-long walk. Location varies each month—some walks feature brief talks highlighting natural, historical, artistic, or political aspects of the River. The walk is canceled if it rains. For more info., visit the FoLAR website: www.folar.org, or call Joe Linton: (213) 381-3570.

Habitat Restoration Days



Help restore wildflowers, trees and shrubs that were once here 200 years ago at the Madrona Marsh Preserve. You are invited to help in planting, weeding and collecting and growing seeds **every second Saturday of the month**. Morning maintenance is done from 9am-noon **every Tuesday and Wednesday**. Call (310) 32-MARSH.

Hyperion Waste Water Treatment Plant Tours

Free public tours of the facility (located near El Segundo in Los Angeles) are available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday starting at 9 a.m. Contact Felice Kidd: (310) 648-5363 for details or to schedule a tour.

Japanese Garden Tours

Docent-led tours of the Japanese Gardens at the D.C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant in Van Nuys are offered during the day on Monday through Thursday and again on Saturday. Reservations are required. Call (818) 756-8166.



Afternoons in the Lab

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's education staff and volunteers are available every Wednesday from 3-5 pm to answer questions and involve students of all ages in exploring local marine life in the hands-on Discovery SEA Lab. The lab, located at 3720 Stephen White Drive in San Pedro, opens with a different theme each week and activities include: using microscopes, examining specimens, creating art, playing games, exploring coastal habitat, and much more! The science education afternoon is free. Groups should make reservations. For more info., call: (310) 548-7562.

Satwiwa Sundays

From 10am to 5pm at Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa. Meet guest hosts, watch demonstrations and share the experiences of the Native American LA Community. Call (805) 370-2301.

Smart Gardening Workshops

The Los Angeles Countywide Yard Waste Program hosts Smart Gardening workshops year-round throughout the County. Topics covered include backyard and worm composting, grass recycling, and water-wise gardening. For more information, call (888) CLEAN-LA or visit www.smartgardening.com.



"Smart Gardening" and composting workshops also are held from **March through November** at Griffith Park. Call the Bureau of Sanitation: (213) 473-8228 for more information.

Nature-Bird Walk (Regular Fourth Weekend monthly event)

Two walks will take place—one on Saturday, and one on Sunday—both at 10 am. The walks will meander through the Madrona Marsh Preserve, starting at the Natural History Center in Torrance. Call (310) 32MARSH.



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The EAD website, located at www.lacity.org/EAD, contains updated information on this month's events. To ensure your event is included in our monthly newsletter, submit information to the editor by the 10th of each month prior to publication. After the 10th, events can be entered into our website calendar only.

The EAD reserves the right to edit all submittals and does not necessarily endorse the events listed. All events are subject to change, so call listed event contacts to verify information.

Recycling Workshops

Many workshops and seminars are regularly provided throughout the year on source reduction, recycling and composting. They have included topics such as Buying Recycled, Organics, Certified Buy Recycled Training Seminars, and Sustainable Construction. Please call the Bureau of Sanitation: (213) 473-8228

Tyke Hike

This hike is scheduled every first Thursday of the month in the Madrona Marsh Preserve and involves looking for animal tracks, listening for singing birds, observing habitat changes and wildflower cycles. A \$5 donation per family is requested for the Natural History Center Education Programs; reservations appreciated. Call Friends of Madrona Marsh: (310) 32MARSH.



Baldwin Hills Hikes

These are held every 3rd Saturday at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area. Join them to learn about the nature and birds of the largest undeveloped area within the LA Basin. For more information, see the LA Audubon Society website: www.LAAudubon.org or call: (323)

THIS MONTH:

June 2

Native Garden Workday

From 9 am—noon at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (3720 Stephen White Drive, San Pedro, CA 90731, (310) 548-7562, www.cabrilloaq.org.) Also, from noon until 1:30 pm, participate in the Aquarium's **Weekend Tidepool Walk**.

Tour of the Bolsa Chica

Wetlands—This is a public tour beginning at 9 am at Reserve Walk Bridge, 16531 Bolsa Chica Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92649. For more information, contact the Amigos de Bolsa Chica: (714) 840-1575.



The 12th Annual Kids' Nature Festival—The festival will feature over 30 free activity and animal booths with live music and much more. This event is sponsored by the Children's Nature Institute and will take place at Temescal Canyon Park in Pacific Palisades (15601 Sunset Boulevard). Call: (310) 364-3591, ext. 6 or visit: www.childrensnatureinstitute.org.



June 2-3

Sundown Safari—

Spend the night at the LA Zoo. Enjoy dinner, breakfast and a special after-hours tour. Bring your own tent or rent one from the Zoo. The Safari begins at 5 pm and ends at 9 am. For registration materials, call Andrea Chisholm at (323) 644-4253.

June 3

Whale Fiesta

From 10 am until 4:30 pm at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro. (See the June 2 listing for detailed contact information.) The Fiesta is a family day filled with activities and exhibits for all, including games and contests, arts and crafts, puppet shows, food and gift vendors, marine awareness organizations, films, guest lecturers, and music. Admission is free.



June 3-5

Making Locally-Led Conservation

Work—This is a forum on community-based conservation action and why such bottom-up activities succeed or fail. The event, which will be held at Arbor Day Farm in Nebraska City, Nebraska, is sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service. For details, call (888) 448-7337 or register on-line at www.arborday.org/locallyled.

June 7

Meet the Grunion

This event will take place at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium beginning at 9 am. (See June 2 listing for contact info.)

June 8

Moonlight Night Walk

This walk will begin at 8 pm at the Madrona Marsh Preserve Natural History Center (3201 Plaza Del Amo between Maple and Madrona Avenues, on the north side of the street). You will see the setting sun, moths in the moonlight, and nocturnal animals such as the Western Toad. Wear long sleeves and pants; bring a flashlight. For more information, call the Friends of Madrona Marsh: (310) 326-2774.



June 9

Historic Elysian Park Walking

Tour—Meet at Freemont Monument at North Broadway and Elysian Park Drive. The walk, from 10 am until noon, is sponsored by the Citizens Committee to Save Elysian Park and Echo Park Historical Society. For more information: (213) 481-0815.

Summer Color in the Garden Using

Natives—The Theodore Payne Foundation will sponsor this talk by horticulturalist Lili Singer at 10459 Tuxford Street in Sun Valley from 10 am until noon. Call (818) 768-1802 for details.

June 10

Weekend Tidepool Walk

From 6:30-8 am at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. The Discovery Lab will also take place at the Aquarium, from 10 am until noon. (See June 2 listing for detailed contact information.)



June 16

Beastly Ball



This event, beginning at 6 pm, is one of the LA Zoo's most popular; this year's theme is "Wild About Reading" and is part of a zoo literacy campaign that will run throughout the summer. The ball will honor noted animal activists and feature a variety of food and music. For tickets and info., call Pati Glover: (323) 644-4771.

Marsupial Madness—From 9:30 am until noon, discover the magnificent world of marsupials. Find out how many marsupials live at the Zoo and which one of them might live in your own backyard! The event includes crafts and a guided walk. To register, call (323) 644-4211.

June 17

Tour Tujunga Wash—The tour will explore this beautiful tributary of the LA River. Meet at the corner of Wentworth Street and Mary Bell Avenue in Sunland/Tujunga. Contact Friends of the Los Angeles River (FoLAR) for more information: (213) 381-3570 or www.FoLAR.org.

June 20-21

California Biodiversity Council

Statewide Meeting—This will include a chartered tour of the Cornfields, Taylor Yard, Arroyo Seco, and pocket parks along the Los Angeles River. Day 2 will address issues such as fragmentation and habitat connectivity as well as the condition of urban parks. The meeting will take place at the River Center and Gardens, 570 West Avenue 26 in Los Angeles. Contact Erin Klaesius for registration (required): (916) 227-2661 or erin_klaesius@fire.ca.gov.

June 23

Second Annual Super Summer Send-Off!

—Beginning at TreePeople (12601 Mulholland Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210) at 11 am, this event will include fun activities and snacks with a presentation by "The Animal Guys" biologists Paul Hahn and David Riherd, who will share their furry, slithery, crawly friends with you! Contact: (888) 922-3846 for details.

June 23-24

Sundown Safari—This event is for adults only. See June 2-3 for details. For registration, call Andrea Chisholm at (323) 644-4253.

Arroyo Seco Results are Coming in...

The Arroyo Seco Watershed Feasibility Study's Phase I report is now complete and available for viewing online at www.arroyoseco.org. The Feasibility Study is developing a comprehensive, long-term plan to restore the grand canyon that runs from the San Gabriel Mountains to the Los Angeles River through Pasadena, South Pasadena and Northeast Los Angeles. The nine-month study was funded by the California State Coastal Conservancy, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy/Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, with support from the National Park Service Rivers and Trails Conservation Assistance Program and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. For more information, contact North East Trees: (323) 441-8634.



The Oak is the People's Choice for National Tree



After tallying nearly a half million votes, the National Arbor Day Foundation of Nebraska City, NE declared the oak tree the winner in their "national tree" election. The voting period began January 1, 2001, and extended to midnight April 26, 2001, the night before National Arbor Day, the last Friday in April. People lacking Internet access mailed in their votes, and over 2,000 schools around the country registered as student voting sites. The oak received over 100,000 votes and the other top vote-getters were the Redwood, Dogwood, Maple and Pine. These top five captured 67% of the vote, with 33% of the vote distributed among the other 16 tree candidates. Complete results are available on the Foundation's website: www.arborday.org. The Foundation also has many classroom activities related to trees, which you may learn more about on their website; these include informational materials, exercises and games, such as "Life of the Forest", "Majestic Trees of America", "Mystery Tree Challenge", "Community Tree Contest", "Who Wants to be a TREEllionaire", "Tree Diversity", and "ConcenTREEtion!". Find out about these and more on the website's "Teaching Youth About Trees" page.

TEACHER'S CORNER



Here are some ideas courtesy of the Spring 2001 newsletter of the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (CFAITC).

SCHOOL GREENHOUSE GUIDE: This Kindergarten through twelfth grade (K-12) online guide offers a basic overview of key issues relevant to running a school greenhouse program with integrated greenhouse projects and curricula ideas. Contact: National Gardening Association, 1100 Dorset Street, South Burlington, VT 05403, (877) 538-7476 or see www.kidsgardening.com/greenhouseguide.

EXPERIMENTS IN FOOD SCIENCE: (Grades 7-12) This 80-page booklet contains seven basic food science experiments, including a teacher/student activity guide. Other booklets are available. Contact the Institute of Food Technologies, Career Guidance, 221 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 300, Chicago, IL 60601, (312) 782-0045, www.ift.org.

BEAN THERE, GROWN THAT: (Grades 3-6) The "Botany Lab in a Box" is a seed-growing kit and interactive CD, which combine 10 days of activities involving student data collection, observation recording, measuring, graphing, etc. For prices and other information, contact Curious Company, 2020 Edinburg Avenue, Cardiff, CA 92007, (760) 942-7450, www.curiousco.com.

ARBOLEDA: (K-12) A free newsletter for educators that contains lesson plans, hands-on activities, calendar of events, and resources pertinent to forest education. Contact The Forest Foundation, 853 Lincoln Way, Suite 208, Auburn, CA 95603, (877) REPLANT, www.calforests.org/foundation.

2001 TEACHER RESOURCE GUIDE: (K-12) This free guide to agricultural literacy resources has updated listings of past favorites and brand new materials. **FROM GENES TO JEANS:** (7-9) Comprehensive lesson plans aligned with the Content Standards for California Public Schools. Charge for mailed versions or download for free. Contact CFAITC, P. O. Box 15949, Sacramento, CA 95852-0949, (800) 700-AITC, www.cfaitc.org.

RED IMPORTED FIRE ANT TEACHER PACKET: (Grade 4) This packet contains facts, safety guidelines, hands-on lesson plans, and additional resources on this fascinating, but dangerous insect. Produced by CFAITC in partnership with the CA Dept. of Food and Agriculture. Contact Cdfa, 1220 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 654-0462.

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HOTLINE CONNECTION

The Environmental Information Center (EIC) serves as a referral source to the community. Our hotline connection offers a list of the most frequently requested numbers. If the number you need is not listed, please contact the EIC at **(213) 580-1052**, or toll-free in Los Angeles only at **(800) 439-4666**. You can also visit our website at www.lacity.org/ead and click on the Environmental Information Center Link.

AIR QUALITY

Calidad del aire
South Coast Air Quality Management District
(800) 288-7664

ASBESTOS – *Asbestos*
Environmental Hygiene
(213) 738-4078

BEE INFESTATIONS
Infestaciones de abejas
Vector Control
(800) 233-9279

BULKY ITEM PICK-UP
Recogida de artículos grandes
L.A. City Bureau of Sanitation
(800) 773-2489

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL
Desembolso de materiales peligrosos
L.A. County Dept. of Public Works
(888) 253-2652
L.A. City Bureau of Sanitation
(800) 988-6942

ILLEGAL DUMPING INTO STORM DRAINS

Depositos ilegales en los drenajes de desagües
Stormwater Management
(800) 974-9794

LEAD POISONING – *Veneno del plomo*
National Lead Information Center
(800) 424-5323

LEAF BLOWERS – *Sopladores de hojas*
Leaf Blower Complaint Line
(800) 996-2489

MOSQUITOES
Infestaciones de mosquitos
L.A. West Mosquito Abatement
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