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Planet Connect Now a Go-To Site for Internships, Volunteer Opportunities

Student-focused site has job postings, advice to help teens land summer green jobs

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Know a high school student looking for meaningful work experience this summer? Environmentally minded teens seeking internships and volunteering opportunities can find them at www.planet-connect.org, a one-stop site to find postings, identify volunteer opportunities, get job advice and find out about green careers.

Designed by teens, Planet Connect was launched in 2009 by the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) in partnership with The Weather Channel.

With features that include social networking, a blog by Philippe Cousteau, co-founder of [EarthEcho](http://EarthEcho.org), profiles of university programs and student success stories, Planet Connect this week added a national map of internship and volunteer opportunities. Postings include federal agency jobs, nonprofit internships, nature center opportunities and more. And as always, all of Planet Connect's features are free to use.

"High school students love the site because they can find and interact with other environmentally minded teens all around the country," said Bobby Cato, NEEF's senior education project manager. "This year, we wanted to give them more. There's no better time to start looking for the perfect summer internship, and Planet Connect is a great place to find them."

Planet Connect's internship and volunteer page helps teens find jobs near them. It's updated daily, with a wide variety of postings – from internships at a zoo in Cheyenne, Colo. to volunteer slots as assistant naturalists at a nature center in Cape Cod, Mass.

"Our goal is to be the first click for high school students seeking green jobs or volunteer opportunities all year long," Cato said.

In addition to helping teens find internships, Planet Connect also allows teens to take positive action through a grant program. Twice yearly, Planet Connect awards \$1,000 and summer internships to high school students who come up with the best environmental projects. Video contests and other exciting programs will be announced in coming weeks and months.

For more information about Planet Connect, [click here](#) or contact Dan Seligson, communications director, at 202.261-6481.

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