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Announcement / Invitation To: High School / Secondary Students

HabitatNet is inviting high school student proposals on Global Biodiversity. Accepted proposals will then be presented by the students at the:

“Global Earth Summit For Youth - A Symposium On Biodiversity”

When: January 17 -22, 2005

Where: El Eden Ecological Reserve, Quintana Roo, Mexico

Purpose:

High school students from around the world are invited to submit a proposal to attend a Global Earth Summit for Youth. The focus of this summit will be:

- 1. to convene students from around the world to collaborate on a biodiversity project at the El Eden Ecological Reserve in Quintana Roo, Mexico,**
- 2. to present the work they are doing at their home site, regarding local biodiversity efforts, with other students, and**
- 3. to collaborate, develop, and write a Global Youth’s Accord for Biodiversity – to be presented to the United Nations on Earth Day (April 22) 2005.**

Requirements and Information Regarding Submission of A Proposal:

Student proposals are prepared by 2-3 students and 1 teacher who are able to attend the Summit held at the El Eden Ecological Reserve – Quintana Roo, Mexico.

- (1) Proposals must include: Names of students, teacher, school, and contact information (email or postal address). See *Registration Form* – Page 3.**
- (2) Proposals must include a 150-250 word abstract that includes information regarding their home project and how it relates to conserving “Global Biodiversity”.**
- (3) A statement agreeing to participate in a “Poster Session” where student participants share their work on global biodiversity at their home site with other participants during the El Eden Ecological Reserve (January 17-22, 2005) symposium, and willingness to work on writing a Youth’s Accord for Biodiversity during the Symposium to be presented to the United Nations. Participants are NOT required to attend the United Nations session in April,2005 but will be welcomed if they are able to attend! If they can not attend, their names and photographs will be presented on their behalf.**
- (4) All participants will then present their work at an International Press Conference in Cancun, Mexico at the end of the week. (see page 2)**

Page 2 - General Information:

1. Submissions are due by September 15, 2004 to:
Dan Bisaccio, HabitatNet Project Director
Souhegan High School
PO Box #1152, Amherst, New Hampshire 03031 USA
EMAIL: habitatnet@sprise.com

Hardcopies by conventional mail or email submissions will be accepted until September 15, 2004.

An international committee of scientists and educators will review the proposals and inform all applicants by September 25, 2004 of their status.

2. Information regarding any available funding to participate as well as logistics will be provided to all ACCEPTED proposals. Currently, HabitatNet is working on partial funding opportunities for all international groups coming from Mexico, Caribbean, Central American, Asian, and African nations. USA, European, and other nations will receive fundraising information / opportunities – specific to their nation in which they may apply.
3. Anticipated Cost: \$350 USD per participant – excluding airfare to Cancun, Mexico.
4. Questions? Contact Dan Bisaccio, HabitatNet Project Director.
habitatnet@sprise.com or 603/673-9940 x.548

Learn more about HabitatNet and the El Eden Ecological Reserve at:

www.sprise.com/shs/habitatnet/default.htm

[www.http://maya.ucr.edu/pril/el_eden/home.html](http://maya.ucr.edu/pril/el_eden/home.html)



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Registration Form – follows (Page 3)

Global Earth Summit for Youth – Registration Form

You may submit as an Email Attachment to: habitatnet@sprise.com or by “postal mail” to Dan Bisaccio, HabitatNet – Souhegan High School, PO Box 1152, Amherst, New Hampshire 03031 USA

Part I - Teacher and School Information

Teachers' Name	Name of School	Address & Country	Email	Phone

Part II – Student Names

Student Names	School Attending	Grade Level	Email

Part III – Project / Poster Title and 150-250 word Abstract: