

The Palme verte, a Reward for Schools That Take Action!
Contest Deadline: April 15, 2010

Montréal, February 1, 2010 - The Montréal Nature Museums Foundation wishes to remind everyone working in Quebec preschool, elementary and secondary schools that they have until **April 15** to enter the 6th annual **Palme verte** contest.

The contest, organized with the Montréal's Nature Museums, is intended to encourage and reward teachers and others working in schools who take concrete action with their students to protect the environment. Many of these individuals carry out environmentally friendly projects either as a personal initiative or because they see it as their social duty, to enhance their quality of life and that of the students in the class and throughout the school and even the whole community. The Foundation and its partners, **Intact**, the **EJLB Foundation**, the **Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs**, **RECYC-QUÉBEC** and the **Centrale des syndicats du Québec / Brundtland Green Establishments**, want to recognize their efforts.

The Palme verte award goes to the group with the best environmental project in each of the following four categories: preschool and elementary 1st cycle, elementary 2nd and 3rd cycles, secondary 1st and 2nd cycles, and "other," including green committees, daycare centres, lunch programs, pastoral units, etc. Winners will receive a \$1,000 prize to allow them to pursue their project and, depending on the category, a guided tour of Montréal's Nature Museums, a night at the Biodôme, a "live" trophy, gift certificates or other prizes.

To enter, the project organizer just has to describe the project carried out during the past year with his or her young charges, aimed at promoting environmental protection and conservation. Examples of projects from previous years include actions to raise community awareness of the importance of managing drinking water, collecting containers for crafts and science experiments, setting up a composter and a recycling system, raising fish fry to seed a river, and designing an environmental awareness show.

In addition, to make sure the students and their actions receive all the honours due to them, we ask the participating groups to attach a poster summarizing the project. All the posters we receive will be displayed at the Biodôme from May 22 to September 1, 2010. Winners will also be announced on May 22, 2010, the International Day for Biological Diversity.

For full contest details and to enter, please see the **La Palme verte** section of the Montréal Nature Museums Website: <http://www.fondationmuseums.qc.ca>.

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