



Environmental Leadership Starts Here

OurEarth.org is creating a new generation of environmental leaders.

Welcome to OurEarth.org





The mission of OurEarth.org is to engage, empower, and nurture current and future environmental leaders by providing education and access to information. OurEarth.org combines a novel combination of grassroots activism, education, and internet technology to achieve its goals. At the heart of the organization is the OurEarth.org website which is a community-driven portal for environmental programs, activities, and resources.

OurEarth.org is a national 501(c)3 non-profit organization that was started by Johns Hopkins University students in 2006. Today, the organization is led by an all-volunteer team of graduate and medical students, as well as over 30 environmental experts and leaders from across the country.



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Last fall, OurEarth.org debuted a one-of-a-kind, national directory to help high school students pursue environmental degrees and enable college students to be more environmentally-responsible on their campuses. A partnership was also formed with the Council of Environmental Deans and Directors in order to further develop the directory.
- A national directory of environmental non-profit organizations was released in October. This resource enhances the efforts of other organizations by spreading their messages and simultaneously drawing new volunteers and supporters to them. In addition, this free online tool is able to connect students with green career opportunities.
- Since 2009, over 100 college students from more than 50 campuses around the U.S. have served as volunteers and interns at OurEarth.org.
- Students at Central Columbia High School (Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania) hosted a "Pollution Parade" to raise funds for OurEarth.org and energy efficiency improvements at their school.



THE NEXT WAVE OF LEADERS

OurEarth.org intends to host 50 student interns in its Environmental Leadership Program next summer. This program will include academic training on the theory and practice of leadership, guest speakers and group discussions, and the implementation of newly learned skills. Interns will simultaneously work to expand the OurEarth.org website and increase the organization's environmental impact.

The OurEarth.org website will continue to grow throughout 2011, particularly with the aid of interns and through new relationships with non-profit and academic institutions. OurEarth.org will further develop its college and non-profit directories and create a green jobs directory. Lastly, OurEarth.org has set a goal to increase its current website traffic more than three-fold, from 15,000 visitors per month to 50,000 visitors per month, by the end of the year.

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2010 STUDENT INTERNS AND VOLUNTEERS

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Binghamton University
Bucknell University
Colgate University
Cornell University
Drexel University
Georgia Tech
Indiana University
Johns Hopkins University
Middlebury College
Mount Holyoke College
New Jersey Institute of Technology
Ohio University
Pepperdine University
Polytechnic Institute of New York University
Prescott College
Princeton University

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
St. Lawrence University
Tulane University
University at Albany - SUNY
University of California, Berkeley
University of Connecticut
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Michigan
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of Richmond
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of the Pacific
University of Virginia
Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Tech

Summer 2010 Highlights

This past summer, our 35 interns and volunteers were active in a number of projects. Most notably, interns created a new, semimonthly e-mail newsletter and a national directory of environmental non-profit organizations. The "Environmental Leaders" newsletter includes inspirational stories from social entrepreneurs, grassroots activists and organizations, and other groups and individuals with innovative green ideas. The new non-profit directory promotes idea sharing among organizations and connects them with new volunteers, donors, and information-seekers.



OurEarth.org Interns in Fort Tryon Park, New York City, July 2010.

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