

PROGRAM POLICIES

- **Registration:** Each school must submit a registration form annually providing contact information for teachers who are interested in participating in The Fairchild Challenge. The 2011-2012 registration form is available online at www.cherrylake.com/challenge.
- **Challenge entry forms:** Each registered school must submit one completed entry form for each challenge they complete, not each individual student entry. Each entry form should have the school's and students' names clearly written.
- **Honor Code:** All work submitted as entries **must be completed by students only**. Participants are expected to follow a strict honor code. All work must be original or quoted from a reference source. **Plagiarism will result in disqualification of work submitted by the student(s) involved for the entire program year and all accumulated points will be nullified.**
- **Submissions:** Schools should encourage as many students as possible to attempt each option. Schools may submit fewer than the maximum number of entries allowed per school; however, in order to earn as many points as possible, schools should strive for the maximum number.
- **Deadlines:** Challenge entries must be received by Cherry Lake Tree Farm by the published deadline; these due dates are final. Entries can be dropped off at Cherry Lake Tree Farm, mailed or emailed when appropriate. Upon specific request, Cherry Lake Tree Farm staff is also available to pick-up entries at your school on the entry due-date.
- **Judging:** Independent judges selected from our local community judge entries using evaluation rubrics that reflect the criteria listed in the specific requirements for each challenge. All results are final. Lead teachers for each entry will be provided with a summary of the judges' feedback for their students' entries.
- **Scores:** Schools receive their scores by e-mail following participation in various challenges. We do not release other schools' scores or school rankings during the year.
- **Awards & Recognition:** All schools that participate in the Fairchild Challenge are recognized. Schools earning more than 800 points in one school year will receive the Fairchild Challenge Award. The top-scoring school will be awarded \$500 to be used towards their environmental programs.
- **Student materials:** Cherry Lake Tree Farm is not responsible for any materials lost, stolen or damaged. All entries become the property of Cherry Lake Tree Farm and will not be returned. Selected entries may be used for Fairchild Challenge fundraising purposes. When submitting an entry you must notify us in writing if you do not agree to these terms.
- **Consent:** Schools consent to Cherry Lake's unrestricted use of student work and participant's likenesses, including photographs and audio/visual recordings made of participants and/or their entries. Student entries may be exhibited and/or published by Cherry Lake Tree Farm. Fairchild must be notified in writing of any exceptions.