Schools for Europe’s environment and nature

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Realise a project for nature and environment with your school class!

Are you a teacher for 12-16 year olds in Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia or Ukraine? We are happy to invite 3 teachers per country together with one of their students to participate in the Academy of WWF and ERSTE Foundation from 23 to 29 October, 2010!

There you will be trained to facilitate nature and environmental projects with your school class!

We focus on three topics:
- The Danube – Europe’s lifeline
- The Ecological Footprint – Consumption and global effects
- Active citizenship – get active and motivate others

- You and one of your students are invited to participate in the Academy from 23 to 29 October, 2010 in Austria.
- Your class can win one week of nature adventure camp in Neusiedlersee National Park!
- All teachers are invited to attend the final event in Austria in June 2011.
- Language of the academy, project documentation and final event will be English.
- Travel costs, lodging and the participation are free.

Three focus topics:

Danube
The Danube connects Europe like a blue belt. It crosses borders not only transporting freight and passengers but also tradition and history. The river brings with it the responsibility to protect its waters.

Ecological Footprint
Europe has the chance to make a change from lifestyles exploiting nature with unabated consumption to sustainable development and responsible use of nature and the environment. Every day kids and teens hear negative news concerning the environmental development of our planet. We want to show them the possibilities they have to make a change and we want to motivate them to work together to create a future for Europe as a high quality habitat for humans and nature.

Active Citizenship:
It is important that we encourage young people to build up their mind and to see their possibilities to contribute to a socially and environmentally friendly planet earth. In this sense teaching is more than telling about facts and numbers. The goal of education for sustainable development is to give young people competencies and show possibilities that enable them to contribute actively and in a responsible way to a future worth living.
Out of all applicants WWF and ERSTE Stiftung will select three teachers per country who are allowed to bring one of their students. If you are interested in participating please fill in the application form below and attach a cover letter (one page) explaining why you and your school class want to participate in the project.

**Application Form**

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I will participate in the academy and will implement a nature and/or environmental project with my school class between Oct. 2010 and May 2011.

**For further information please contact:**

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**Overview:**

- **WWF and ERSTE Foundation Academy at Nationalpark Neusiedlersee/Austria – 23 to 29 October, 2010**

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- **Implement your class project – until May 2011**
- **Final event and selection of the best project – June 2011**
- **Camp for winning class – Summer or Autumn 2011**

Please send your application and a cover letter not later than 17 September, 2010 to:

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With its projects, ERSTE Foundation intends to contribute to mutual understanding and the consolidation of European values within Central and South Eastern Europe.

The WWF education programme intends to train and motivate children and teenagers to take action for sustainable development.

With “European Schools for a Living Planet – taking action together for Europe’s environment” WWF and the ERSTE Foundation want to add important environmental aspects to cross-border school projects.

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