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NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF WOMAN'S CLUBS - JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

# Conservation News

## Spring 2007 Bulletin

### Arbor Day

- *Send a Earth Day eCard:* Earth Day is April 22nd and is just around the corner. Send an eCard to people you know to let them know about Earth Day. Check out <http://cards.123greetings.com/cgi-bin/cards/earthday.pl?log=kdearth>
- *Nominate a Historic Tree:* Check out the National Registry of Historic Trees and nominate a tree in your town. For more information visit [www.americanforests.org](http://www.americanforests.org)

- *Celebrate Arbor Day:*

Become a member on [www.arboday.org](http://www.arboday.org) and receive 10 free trees to donate to your community.

- *NJ Tree Foundation:* This foundation is a non-profit organization that spread the importance of community forestry activities. This organization will provide training and education materials to those interested in maintaining these trees for two years (ex.. Tree farm). Work with your local environmental or shade tree commission.

### Earth Day

- Celebrate the 37th Annual Anniversary of

Earth Day on April 22nd, by educating and conservation about the earth. Have a pennies for the planet fundraiser or a earth day groceries project event.

- Already have a earth day activities scheduled? Advertise it on [www.earthday.net](http://www.earthday.net). Register your organization to promote your activities or even check out other project opportunities in your area.

- Do you kids like to cook? I have attached some fun recipes for the kids to make for earth day.



### Beautification

*Spring Conservation Day :* On Saturday, April 8th the NJ Forest Resource Education Center located in Jackson, NJ is having a day event of wildlife/forestry education as well as hikes and crafts to name a few. For more information check out website [www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/)

*Plant of the month:* Did you know that the April plant of the month is a Okame Cherry? This beautiful cherry



is one of the first flowering trees to bloom each spring. The tree usually peaks bloom at the first week of April. Check for your local cherry blossom festival.

### Resource

*Celebrate Panda Month:* FONZ(Friends of the National Zoo )is celebrating "Panda Month" for the month of April. Some of the festivities include a giveaway contest that includes a digital camera and

*Lots of panda items. Check it out [www.FONZ.org](http://www.FONZ.org).*

*Great American Cleanup (March 1-May 31st) :* Cigarette litter is the #1 item that is cleaned up each year. It is also an environmental problem for any community. They are not biodegradable and eventually could be carried into our waterways. One way you can help is to organize event to collect as many cigarette butts in your town. Count them and notify your mayor and the local newspaper on how many were collected and the effects it has to the environment. For more information check out: [www.KAB.org](http://www.KAB.org)



**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**NJSFWC-JM**

**Convention**

**May 18-20, 2007**



# Energy News

## Quick Links

Check out these websites for new ideas:

- [www.jerseyjuniors.com](http://www.jerseyjuniors.com)
- [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org)
- [www.kab.org](http://www.kab.org) (Keep America Beautiful)
- [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org)
- [www.energysavers.gov](http://www.energysavers.gov)
- [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)
- [www.americarecycles.org](http://www.americarecycles.org)
- [www.nwf.org](http://www.nwf.org) (national wildlife federation)
- [www.earth911.org](http://www.earth911.org)
- [www.earthdaybags.org](http://www.earthdaybags.org)
- [www.earthsbirthday.org](http://www.earthsbirthday.org)
- [www.njcleanenergy.com](http://www.njcleanenergy.com)



Got an idea that you want to share?

Do you have a new idea to pass on to other clubs relating to beautification and resource? Let me know so I can add it to the bulletin. Email [conservation@jerseyjuniors.com](mailto:conservation@jerseyjuniors.com)

## Tax Credits with Energy Star

A tax credit can provide significant savings. It reduces the amount of income you have to pay. Under the Energy policy act of 2005, if you have made updates last year or planning on updates this year with energy star products check out this website for rebates on products with energy start stamp. [http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=products.pr\\_tax\\_credits](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=products.pr_tax_credits)



## Energy Calculator

Users can estimate how much energy and money can be saved and how much emissions can be reduced by implementing energy-efficiency improvements. The home energy saver's calculates energy use and savings op-

portunities, based on a detailed description of the home provided by the user. Just by clicking on to <http://hes.lbl.gov/> and begin the process by entering you zip code will begin you savings process.

## "Change a Light" Pledge

*New Jersey has saved over 375,000 dollars in energy and have changed 13,323 bulbs! Lets all start the new year off right by pledging to change a light. Log on to the below link and choose "NJ Federations of Woman's Clubs—Junior Membership" or to create your own club just click on to "Sign up your group"*

*<http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=cal.showPledge>*

## Juniorettes Corner

### In the Spotlight:

#### *Woodstown Juniorettes*

Check out what the Juniorettes are doing in Salem County. Do you have items to recycle rather than throw it away? Now you can just post it! One catch, everything has to be free. These innovative girls created a yahoo group called

"WoodstownNJFreecycle™"

This group is a part of The Freecycle Network, a nonprofit organization, is

made up of many different groups across the globe. This movement is entirely for people who are giving and getting stuff for free in their own town. Membership is free and all you need to do is find a group in your area and click to join. Can't find a group in your area? Your might want to consider starting one by checking out "start a group" . Check out Freecycle.org for more information.

Great work ladies!!!!

