

Contest seeks teens' help with green projects

Westport-based energy company, Gault, Inc., and the nonprofit Polar Bears International (PBI), are co-sponsoring Project Polar Bear, a competition for Fairfield County high school students ages 14-18 to develop community projects that will help reduce the carbon dioxide load in the atmosphere.

Four finalist teams, selected from a pool of national contest-

ants, will be flown to the San Diego Zoo in spring 2009 for an awards ceremony. The team judged "Best Overall" will travel to Manitoba, Canada in October 2009 to study the bears in their native habitat.

Fairfield County teens must register their project by Sept. 15 at gault-pbi.com. Projects must be completed and a results report submitted by Dec. 31.

Gault's alliance with Polar Bears International made this competition possible for Fairfield County students.

Working in teams of two to three teenagers, along with an adult advisor, Project Polar Bear encourages teens to create "measurable" community projects in one of four categories: power down (reduce energy consumption), make it better or do it better (bring about a change in existing energy policy to reduce carbon dioxide), buy recycled (finding new ways to increase the availability and use of recycled materials), and increase the green (help the community decrease carbon dioxide through naturally green landscapes).

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