



VOLVO ADVENTURE DECEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

Volvo Adventure - Supporting environmental education, practical projects and action. In partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Did you know that there are several ways of receiving an award from Volvo Adventure? Your chances are increasing, so do remember that we have:

1 - Commendations - these projects are the ones that are oh so close to being in the final. You deserve to have your efforts acknowledged and they will be. All you have to do is to enter your project so the judges can look at it and see how you are making an impact locally.

2 - Ozone Action – have you done something listed in the Ozzy Comic books? If your project has any of the actions talked about in any of the books you could be a winner. Links to the comics are below in the Bob the Bunny competition update.

3 - The finalists - People often ask what makes a project a winner. There is a simple answer: enter! If you are taking simple steps such as growing vegetables, or a really big project involving whole communities, then you stand a chance. Just look at the criteria. The key one is that young people are leading the way with practical actions that are making a difference.

YOUR YEARLY PROJECT ENTRY QUESTIONS

It's getting to the time of year when your questions start coming in so we thought that we would answer a few of them here for everyone. Hope the answers help.

Question - What are the judging criteria?

Answer - These are on the [website](#), but just so you can see them, here they are:

Understanding of the Problem – Has the entry demonstrated good understanding of the issue? Why is this problem relevant to the place you live?

Actions – Are the proposed actions practicable and achievable by the students within their time plan?

Results – Are the results of the carried out actions analysed? What are their impacts? What successes can you see?

Involvement of Young People - Has the plan been devised by the young people and will it also be implemented by them?

Question - Can we work in different languages?

Answer - We provide guidelines in different languages as we know some groups prefer this. The languages we provide are:

[ARABIC](#) – [CHINESE](#) – [ENGLISH](#) – [FRENCH](#) – [GERMAN](#) -

[PORTUGUESE](#) – [JAPANESE](#) – [RUSSIAN](#) – [SPANISH](#) – [SWEDISH](#) – [SWAHILI](#)

Previous finalists have worked in the relevant language and then had their entry translated into English. Please let us know if this is the case - but remember it has not prevented people making it to the final and winning.

Question - Can we change our entries?

Answer - Yes - right up until the deadline. You can edit and change things in the Submission Tool all you want until you press the Submit button. Do remember to submit – some groups forget to hit the Submit button and miss the chance to enter, so don't miss out!

Question - When is the deadline?

Answer - The deadline is 31st January 2012 right up until midnight CET. That is midnight Central European Time or GMT + 1.

Question - How many teams can we enter?

Answer - The team size is minimum 2 maximum 5, but this does not prevent a school, youth or community group entering as many groups as they want to - as long as the projects are different.

TIPS FOR THIS MONTH

The administrators have noticed that some people are preparing their entries and using the Guidelines. If you have, then you should have completed nearly all of the form. We suggest that this month is the time to start writing your Summary, once you've reviewed all of your work to date. We would also suggest you start editing text thinking about the judging criteria we have given you.

BOB THE BUNNY

We have heard rumours of some interesting cartoon and action planning ideas using Bob the Bunny. There was even a rumour that some of you are using the Ozzy Ozone cartoons for ideas. So as promised earlier – here are the links:

[Ozzy Flies High](#) - [Ozzy Goes Farming](#) - [Ozzy Goes Polar](#) - [Ozzy Goes Island Hopping](#).

Now all you need to do is enter your ideas into the competition before 29th February (midnight CET or GMT + 1). Send the entry to publish@volvoadventure.org

COMPETITION CALENDAR

Volvo Adventure 2012 timeline - 2 months remaining:

PROJECT PLANNING CALENDAR			
JULY - 2011	Download all the guidance information and review the terms of entry	AUGUST - 2011	Decide on a project subject and do a little planning
SEPTEMBER - 2011	Start writing up your project and finding out where you need more information	OCTOBER - 2011	Preliminary draft of activities Note! You can keep editing your entry until you click to Submit in the online submission tool
NOVEMBER - 2011	Review your entry texts and see what illustrations and photo's to upload in which section	DECEMBER - 2011	Have a meeting to review your project. Are you all happy with your results? If you need help translating, arrange it now.
JANUARY - 2012	Complete and submit your project online or post it well before the deadline: January 31st Remember to celebrate your submission as a team!		

Bob the Bunny 2012 timeline - 3 months remaining:

CARTOON PLANNING CALENDAR			
SEPTEMBER - 2011	Download the cartoon activities book and review it's contents.	OCTOBER - 2011	Work through the activities and think of your action plan
NOVEMBER - 2011	Draw, Draw and Draw some more.	DECEMBER - 2011	Collate your groups entries and list your actions.
JANUARY - 2012	Complete and submit your cartoon forms by email or post it well before the deadline: Remember to celebrate your submission as a team!	FEBRUARY - 2012	Submission deadline: February 29th

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