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Thank you for selecting me as you 2016-2018 Conservation Chairman.

The Nature Generation is the Conservation partnership. Here is some of the information you can find on the website. [www.natgen.org](http://www.natgen.org) Each bulletin will highlight one of their projects.

## The Green Earth Book Award

The Green Earth Book Award is the nation's first environmental stewardship book award for children and young adult books. Over 80 winning and honor books have been honored since 2005. The award continues to garner attention from the literary world as an esteemed award, bringing recognition to authors, but more importantly, providing the award-winning books to children. Each year, an expert jury selects books that best convey the message of environmental stewardship in these categories:

- Picture Book: books for young readers in which the visual and verbal narratives tell the story
- Children's Fiction: novels for young readers up to age 12
- Young Adult Fiction: books for readers from age 13 to 21
- Children's Nonfiction: nonfiction books for readers from infancy to age 12
- Young Adult Nonfiction: nonfiction books for readers from 12 to age 21

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The Green Earth Book Award Ceremony and Green Tie Reception is held in Washington, DC each year. The festivities are a culmination of 3-days of eco-author visits and book donations to local area schools — all in honor of the new Green Earth Book Award winners and their efforts to bring the message of environmental stewardship to children and young adults, our next generation of environmental stewards. The 2016 ceremony will once again be emceed by NBC 4 News Anchor Wendy Rieger.

There are some dates you need to remember.

- January - Florida's Arbor Day - 3rd Friday in January
- February - National Invasive Species Awareness Week
- March 3 - World Wildlife Day
- March 22 - World Day for Water
- March 25 - National Agriculture Day
- March 30 - Land Day
- April - National Arbor Day
- April - Keep America Beautiful Month
- April - National Environmental Education Week
- April 15 - Soil Conservation Day
- April 22 - Earth Day
- April - National Air Quality Awareness Week
- May 9 - National Public Gardens week
- June 5 - World Environment Day
- June 8 - World Oceans Day
- July - Recreation and Parks Month
- July 27 - National Tree Day
- August 23 - Beautification Day
- September 4 - National Wildlife Day
- September 27 - National Public Lands Day
- October 16 - World Food Day
- October - National Energy Awareness Month
- October 4 - World Animal Day
- November 15 - America Recycles Day
- December 5 - World Soil Day

As you can see, there are many opportunities for your club to become active in celebrating these occasions. Pick a couple and do something for those days. Plant a tree, go to the ocean and pick up trash, learn more about invasive species in your area. The ideas are endless, and remember to have fun working together as a club.

