



# CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS RELEASE

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## **CCSD seeks 2010 Environmental Youth Ambassador** **High school winner receives 12-day eco-tour of Australia**

**Las Vegas** – The Clark County School District School-Community Partnership Program, in conjunction with America's Schools Program and NV Energy, has launched the 2010 CCSD Environmental Essay Contest. The grand prize winner of the contest, open to ninth-, tenth- and eleventh-graders, will serve as the America's School Program Environmental Youth Ambassador for Nevada and receive an all-expense paid 12-day eco-tour of Australia next June with a parent or guardian. Entrants must complete a one to three page essay that compares and contrasts an environmental issue faced by both Australia and America. The deadline is March 15 by 5 p.m., and essays can be submitted to the CCSD Partnership Office (5450 W. Sahara, Suite 250, Las Vegas, NV 89146). The winner will be announced on May 22 at the first-ever Environmental Youth Summit at the Las Vegas Springs Preserve and will serve for one year participating in various community and media events.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for students to not only gain a greater perspective on the world in which they live, but to make an impact," said Judy Myers, CCSD School Community-Partnership Program coordinator. "This contest also allows CCSD to augment its writing, science and presentation curriculum in an innovative and meaningful manner."

"The America's Schools Program is very excited to be working on the development and implementation of the America's Schools Environmental Youth Ambassador Campaign and the launch of the ASP-Environmental Youth Summit," said Don Baird, America's Schools Program team member. "With the help of our co-venture partners, we are setting the stage for national expansion of this program and implementation of our mission statement."

The purpose of the contest is to inspire and influence students to learn more about the protection of the environment and wildlife, with a focus on sustainability, conservation and education. Scholarships will be presented to second and third place winners.

Environmental Contest opportunities are also available for middle school and elementary school students. Middle school students, grades six through eight, are invited to create an environmental service learning project. The winner of this contest will receive a six-day trip to Yellowstone Park with a parent or guardian. Elementary school students, grades three through five, are tasked with a creating a class project that addresses conservation. The winning class will receive a day trip to the Las Vegas Springs Preserve.

All winners will be selected by a panel of representatives from sponsoring partner-organizations including America's Schools Program, Jet Global Holdings, Las Vegas Springs Preserve, NV Energy as well as representatives from the CCCD School-Community Partnership Program.

For more information, visit [www.ccsd.net](http://www.ccsd.net) or [www.aspenvironmentalyouthsummit.org](http://www.aspenvironmentalyouthsummit.org); or contact America's School Program - Nevada Representative Jan Spinato at (702) 370-7238.

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