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**BELCO Earth Hour Essay Competition in cooperation with Greenrock & Bermuda National Library**

**2012 Earth Hour Essay Competition Theme**

**I Have the Power:  
Five Ways that I Keep My Bermuda “Green”**

Students in each of the following Age Categories are invited to submit essays on the *Essay Competition Theme*. Entries will be judged on content, ideas and creativity, as well as grammar, spelling, punctuation and how well the essay is written. *Please note:* Students should revise and edit their essays before submitting them, are required to ensure accuracy of facts and dates, and are encouraged to use a resources page. The Student Age Categories and essay lengths are:

<b>Ages 9-11</b>	Essay of 200-300 words
<b>Ages 12-14</b>	Essay of 400-500 words
<b>Ages 15-18</b>	Essay of 800-1,000 words

DEADLINE for submitting essays is Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> March.

Essays will be judged by representatives of BELCO, Greenrock and Bermuda National Library. Winners will be contacted. Winners will be announced during Greenrock’s Earth Hour Celebration, Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, at Hamilton City Hall.

**Earth Hour Essay Competition Winners**

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place** prizes will be awarded in each Student Age Category (*9 winners in total*).

- **1<sup>st</sup> Place** – \$50.00 plus an *Amazon Kindle Fire*<sup>®</sup>, pre-loaded with an environmental book

*School Prize:* Each **1<sup>st</sup> Place** winner’s school will receive a cheque for \$250.00 to use for an environmental project.

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Place** – \$50.00 plus a book on an environmental topic
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Place** – \$25.00 plus a book on an environmental topic

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**General Rules**

- The competition is open to all Students in the specified Age Categories.
- Only one essay per student is allowed, and each essay must be written by one person (*i.e., essays may not be submitted by groups of students working together*).
- Essays must be typed and double-spaced. Accuracy of facts is important; students are encouraged to include a resources page. Students are also encouraged to consult their school libraries, the library at Bermuda Aquarium, Museum & Zoo and Bermuda National Library – Youth Library.
- Each essay must be submitted with the following information clearly typed on it:
  - 1) Name of student
  - 2) Gender of student
  - 3) Age & grade in school
  - 4) Name of teacher
  - 5) Name of school
  - 6) School/teacher phone number and/or e-mail address contact information
- Please submit essays by Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> March to:

Mrs. Susan McGrath-Smith  
Bermuda Electric Light Company Limited (BELCO)  
*Mail:* P.O. Box HM 1026, Hamilton HM DX  
*Drop-off location:* BELCO, 27 Serpentine Road, Pembroke  
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Please direct questions to Mrs. Susan McGrath-Smith at 298-6126 or [smsmith@sigma.bm](mailto:smsmith@sigma.bm)

All entries become the property of BELCO, Bermuda National Library & Greenrock.