

## **Watt Watchers of Texas - *Saving Energy in Texas Schools...***

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### **Revive Your Watt Watchers Patrols**

After being on Winter break sometimes it is hard to get back into your routine. Watt Watchers is here to give you some tips on reviving your patrols!

1. Have a welcome back meeting and teach the students the “Doo Watt Diddy” Song or “Going on a Watt Patrol” Chant.
2. Make new tickets and thank you notes
3. Have the patrols give do morning announcements reminding the teachers that Watt Watchers are Watching Watts – so turn off your lights when you leave your room.
4. Chart your progress from the Fall Semester and post it in the school foyer or cafeteria.
5. Give out a Zero Hero Award to the teacher that remembered to turn off their lights the most in the fall semester.

Let us know what you are doing to get your patrols back on track for the spring!  
To download the songs, chants, tickets, thank you notes and Zero Hero awards go to the Watt Watchers of Texas website at [www.wattwatchers.org](http://www.wattwatchers.org)

### **SECO's Alternative Energy Workshops**

SECO's Alternative Energy Program seeks to improve Texas secondary students' understanding of energy, environmental issues and increase their awareness of alternative fuels in their communities. Alternative Energy begins by introducing physical and chemical principles of energy and fuels, then proceeds to investigations of the nature and extent of energy resources, the economics and environmental effects of energy use, alternative energy technologies, global climate change, health and safety. For more information call Juline Gurasich at (512) 936-9283 or email [juline.gurasich@cpa.state.tx.us](mailto:juline.gurasich@cpa.state.tx.us). Teachers attending workshop receive a free CD, which includes 25 hands-on investigations/activities, web resources and numerous flash animations. There are 6 hours of CPE credit given to workshop attendees.

1/26/2006 Region 19 El Paso

3/1/2006 Region 3 Victoria

3/6/2006 Region 2 Corpus Christi

3/28/2006 Region 1 Edinburg

5/9/2006 Region 12 Waco

### **Igniting Creative Energy Challenge**

Entries are due **February 18<sup>th</sup>** 2006 for the *Igniting Creative Energy Challenge*.

Students and teachers, it is time to send in your entries that communicate exciting ideas about energy conservation and the environment.

Check out the website [www.ignitingcreativeenergy.org](http://www.ignitingcreativeenergy.org) for details and instructions!

Act fast! The first 1000 entries will receive an ICE commemorative pin.

### [A BP Education Program to Support Texas Teachers](#)

**WHO?** Pre K-12 TEACHERS in Harris, Galveston, Fort Bend, Chambers and Brazoria counties!

The Program was developed by BP to recognize accredited teachers for innovation and excellence in teaching energy and/or energy conservation in the classroom. Any pre K-12 teacher currently teaching in a Texas public or private school in the eligible counties is encouraged to participate in this pilot program.

**WHAT?** \$1 MILLION IN GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS TO TEACHERS!

BP will award up to \$1 million in grants to pre K-12 Texas teachers for innovative classroom, after-school, extra-curricular, or summer activities focused on energy and/or energy conservation. Grants of \$5,000 or \$10,000 will be awarded directly to teachers, reflecting the budget request submitted with the application.

**WHY?** ENERGY IS EVERYWHERE, AND WE DEPEND ON IT!

Energy education is a vital component of Texas' classrooms, and is supported by Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).

Energy creates the freedom to move, to be warm, to be cool, and to enjoy a high quality of life. Teaching energy and how energy affects the world is a valuable tool for establishing a solid understanding of science and the environment. Teaching energy provides teachers opportunities to engage students in interdisciplinary projects in reading, math, science, history, economics, environmental education, geography, the arts and more! Innovative energy teaching sparks the creative potential within each student. Students are keenly interested in the environment, and what they can do to help protect it. Understanding the role of energy and its relationship to air quality, climate change, land and water management, biodiversity, waste, and renewable energy use is essential for understanding how best to preserve the environment while maintaining our quality of life.

**HOW?** Fill out an application form today!

Go to <http://www.aplusforenergy.org/Texas/APPS.htm> and choose a method to submit your application. Everything you need to apply, including a checklist of what to attach with your application, can be found online. If submitting your application to BP via U.S. Mail, please ensure your application is postmarked no later than March 24, 2006. Return to the address below:

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