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### **DEADLINE NEARS FOR TEENS TO PARTICIPATE IN 2011 INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC POLLUTION SUMMIT**

LONG BEACH, CA, November 16, 2010 – Algalita Marine Research Foundation (AMRF) today issued a reminder that November 30 is the deadline for conservation-minded high school students to submit proposals to participate in the “2011 Plastics Are Forever International Youth Summit and Training Program.”

One hundred students and their academic advisors will be selected to attend the Summit based upon submission of project proposals outlining how they would reduce plastic pollution in their home communities. To secure participation, students must form 2- to 4-member teams and submit their project proposals for review no later than November 30, 2010. The online training program and entry submission information is accessible at [www.plasticsareforever.org](http://www.plasticsareforever.org). To date, teams from dozens of countries have either submitted proposals or indicated they will submit by the deadline.

The Summit, to be held March 11-13, 2011 in Long Beach, California, is sponsored in part by grants from Disney Friends for Change Project Green, Boeing Company Charitable Trust, Employees Community Fund of Boeing California, and Pacific Life Foundation. It is a comprehensive educational project designed to engage, mentor, and activate youth leaders across the United States and abroad in developing and launching action-oriented solutions to reduce plastic waste in their home communities.

Plastic pollution endangers countless species of marine wildlife. Birds, mammals, sea turtles, and fish become entangled in or ingest our plastic trash and new research suggests that human health may also be impacted. Students attending the Summit will participate in an intensive program led by notable environmentalists and media experts to learn more about plastic marine pollution as well as develop their leadership, public speaking, and communications skills.

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