

# **National Seaweek Marine Leadership Competition**

The Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust - Experiencing Marine Reserves programme <a href="https://www.emr.org.nz">www.emr.org.nz</a> are organizing this Marine Leadership Competition to celebrate Seaweek

Seaweek is an annual event run by the NZ Association for Environmental Education that allows New Zealanders to come together and, celebrate the sea. It provides a wide range of opportunities for people to learn about our fantastic marine environment and share their experiences of the sea.

Seaweek is about exciting and inspiring all New Zealanders to renew their connection with the sea. It's not just for children or those involved with formal education – it's a time for all of us to get to know our ocean, its habits, characteristics and inhabitants.

A series of themes has been developed for Seaweek over the next five years, starting with 2010 – Fish for the Future! Watch the <u>Seaweek Website</u> for updates on national, regional and local activities around this theme happening before, during and after Seaweek.

## Purpose

To provide a competition that promotes 'action' with regards to local marine issues To promote the Experiencing Marine Reserves concept nationally To promote marine conservation messages and encourage action To celebrate and promote young environmental leaders

#### **Prizes**

#### Marine Leadership Weekend

14 top achievers from the Auckland and Northland region shall be chosen to attend a weekend in Northland (20 & 21<sup>st</sup> March), including a trip to Whangarei Harbour marine reserve, evening workshops at Tutukaka and a snorkel trip to the Poor Knights (includes food, accomodation and trasport)

#### **Snorkel Gear**

Top quality 'Wettie' <a href="www.wettie.co.nz">www.wettie.co.nz</a> Snorkel Gear and other Marine Prizes for top achievers from other regions other than Northland & Auckland

Applications are open to school students from year 8 to year 13, entries to be received by the end of Seaweek, no later than March 14, 2010

**Entry Details:** 

Full name:	
Email	
School	
Your Region and Local Town	
Postal Address	
Year level for 2010	
DOB	
Sex (circle)	M/F
Parent or caregiver contact name & phone	
Tell us about yourself and your whanau or family	Attach additional paper or other media(i.e. a digital interview):
Tell us why you would like to win a marine leadership weekend (for those from Northland and Auckland) or Why you would like to win marine prizes and top quality snorkel gear (all regions except Northland & Auckland)	Attach additional paper or other media (i.e. a digital interview):
Provide evidence of what you have done using a range of media, such as powerpoint presentation, an essay, or a display board explaining action	Ideas for suitable actions include: Designing and Gaining appropriate permission to erect awareness signs, organizing a public marine conservation presentation, planting your coastal or riparian area, surveying and analyzing community opinions on a marine issue, organizing a public meeting on a marine issue, i.e., a new marine reserve undertaking a

you've undertaken to help scientific investigation and presenting to the community. the marine environment. organizing a boundary awareness campaign for your local You can also attach letters marine reserve or addressing and solving a marine pollution from witnesses in support issue your entry (family members ok) Present using any form of media Your action could have been undertaken as a team or group, but this competition entry must be as an individual A letter of recommendation must be received for Northland and Auckland entries for the marine leadership weekend, Please include with your a letter application however; letters are not essential for eligibility for marine recommendation from an prizes and snorkel gear. adult, not including family member, such as a teacher, coach Attach your letter: or community member in support of this application.

# Special Conditions:

Winners will be chosen from a variety of Districts within the Northland and Auckland Regions. Transport will be provided by the Sir Peter Blake Marine Education and Recreation Centre for Auckland and Department of Conservation for Northland. *Winners may need to make their own way to a pick up point in Auckland* 

The Experiencing Marine Reserves programme and National Seaweek coordinator reserves the right for the final decision with regards to successful participants and prize winners

Successful participants will be required to complete medical and consent forms.

Expect that photo's may be required for publicity reasons associated with the event.

If successful participants are unable to commit to the Leadership Weekend date, another participant will be chosen.

## Special note:

The Leadership Weekend is possible for students from the Northland and Auckland area due to funding support from the ASB Community Trust; we regret that funding was not available to include other regions.

Applicant Signature:	Date:
Parent or caregiver signature:	Date:

Applications to be received no later than March 14th 2010, winners to be notified by phone on 15<sup>th</sup> March

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### Send applications to:

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