

**Chapter 28****ENRICHMENT**

Use with Section 3

# ● Maintaining a Healthy Environment

## Environmental Awareness

Many Americans, as well as people from around the world, have formed organizations that inform the public about environmental problems and work to protect the environment. Each organization has a slightly different focus. Some, such as the National Wildlife Federation, have programs that work to protect the environment in many ways. Others, such as the Rainforest Action Network, focus on one environmental issue. The type of organization that interests you depends on your beliefs.

If you are interested in learning more about the environment and how you might become involved in various environmental projects, write to two or three of the organizations listed below. In your letter, tell them that you are a student who wants to help the environment. Ask them to send you literature about what the organization does and how you might join.

Environmental Defense Fund, Inc. (EDF)  
257 Park Avenue South  
New York, NY 10010  
Membership: 100 000

Friends of the Earth (FOE)  
1025 Vermont Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20005  
Membership: 35 000

Greenpeace, USA, Inc. (GPUSA)  
1436 U Street NW  
Washington, DC 20009  
Membership: 4 000 000

Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA)  
IWLA Conservation Center  
707 Conservation Lane  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878  
Membership: 54 000

National Audubon Society (NAS)  
700 Broadway  
New York, NY 10003  
Membership: 600 000

National Wildlife Federation (NWF)  
1400 16th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20036-2266  
Membership: 4 400 000

The Nature Conservancy (TNC)  
4245 North Fairfax Dr., Suite 100  
Arlington, VA 22203-1606  
Membership: 705 000

Rainforest Action Network (RAN)  
450 Sansome Street, Suite 500  
San Francisco, CA 94111  
Membership: 35 000

Sierra Club (SC)  
85 Second St., Second Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
Membership: 550 000

The Wilderness Society (TWS)  
900 17th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20006-2596  
Membership: 310 000

World Wildlife Fund (WWF)  
1250 24th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20037  
Membership: 1 200 000