

NEWALTA WETLAND HEROES

are young people (under 25 years of age) who make a difference by taking action to conserve and protect Canada's wetlands. They can be individuals, classes, schools or community youth clubs or groups. **No project or action is too big or too small. Every little bit a hero does helps!**

Here are some examples of ways to take action against wetland loss:

- ➔ **Write letters.** Grade 3 students in B.C. wrote letters to politicians encouraging them to create a bird nesting area and increase protection for a wetland near a new subdivision.
- ➔ **Talk to politicians.** The grade 4 winner of a school poster contest met with the Saskatchewan premier to encourage his government to better protect wetlands.
- ➔ **Raise money.** Teenagers in Newfoundland and Quebec raised funds to help with conservation work in their provinces.
- ➔ **Increase awareness.** University students worked a public display about wetland values and sent a petition to the Minister of Conservation asking the government to enact a wetland policy.
- ➔ **Enhance habitat.** Students in B.C. built wood duck nesting boxes at a local wetland.

Getting recognized as a Newalta Wetland Hero is easy. Visit education.ducks.ca to download a registration form. Applications are accepted all year.

Newalta Wetland Heroes are officially recognized by Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) for their accomplishments and get a free year's subscription to DUC's *Conservator* magazine. This award-winning magazine is packed with stories on the work DUC does to protect our valuable natural resources. Teachers and schools also get a year's subscription to the quarterly *Green Teacher* magazine.

Wait! There's more!

The other exciting part of being a Newalta Wetland Hero is that you could win an **Award of Merit** and receive \$500 to further your great conservation work!

Up to 10 **Awards of Merit** are given out annually across Canada. Newalta Wetland Heroes are automatically eligible to apply and the deadline for applications is World Water Day on March 22, 2013. Winners are announced on Earth Day on April 22, 2013.

For more information on the **Awards of Merit** application process, visit education.ducks.ca.

NEW! Apply ANY TIME for Newalta Wetland Heroes recognition or the Award of Merit - no deadlines!

