

Catt-Trax 2: Making Global Connections

Antarctica to the Amazon

Follow the Journey Student Writing Opportunity

Join Danny Catt on his journey from the icy waters of Antarctica to the jungles of the Amazon. Explore endangered habitats, talk shop with conservationists, and discover the global connections that affect us all. Students attending a secondary school (grades 8 – 12) in British Columbia, Canada are invited to write an essay or tell a story about our “Global Connections” with the world around us, and in particular the southern continents of South America and Antarctica. Selected student entries will be recognized on the Catt-Trax 2 website and the top entry will be awarded a \$1,000 entrance award to BCIT.

The connections you describe may be ecological, climatic, social or economic. You may write about a personal experience, or tell a story that helps others to understand how global connections affect us all, and perhaps suggest possible solutions to some of the challenges we face. Describe how we are all connected to the world around us and perhaps how our actions here in British Columbia and Canada can influence the people and landscapes in other parts of the world.

On the Global Connections page of Catt-Trax 2, there are several contributions from professionals in different occupational areas. Click on “Global Connections” on the Catt-Trax 2 website, <www.catt-trax2.bcit.ca>, to get some ideas.

Please email your submissions by April 30, 2007 to BCIT Environmental Education Coordinator at: enviro@bcit.ca. Your essays must:

- Be typed, double-spaced
- Be between 800-1200 words
- Include the title page (template provided), with the student name, age, grade level, phone number and email address

B.C. high schools may have their own selection date before sending the gathered stories in to BCIT.

Selection criteria will include but not be limited to the following:

- The significance of the story to the theme of “Global Connections”
- Illustration of “Global Connections” and its impact
- Content of the story
- Thoughtfulness
- Clarity
- The power to draw in the reader and listener (is it compelling?)