

## Nickelodeon Celebrates Earth Day With Green-Themed Episodes of iCarly and True Jackson, VP, The Big Green Help's 'Power Down' and More



In a special Earth Day episode of iCarly "iGo Green," airing April 22, 8pm ET/PT Freddy Shows Carly and Sam his climate controlled compostor. (PRNewsFoto/Nickelodeon)

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Network Extends a Big Green Helping Hand to Local Communities with New Grants Program; Activates Kids with More Than 500 The Big Green Help Earth Day Local Partner Events

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NEW YORK, April 9 /PRNewswire/ -- Nickelodeon extends its commitment to empowering real-world environmental change among kids with a line up of eco-friendly programming and off-channel initiatives on Earth Day -- Wednesday, April 22. New green-themed episodes from hit tween shows *iCarly* and *True Jackson, VP* and select preschool series will air on Nickelodeon and NOGGIN throughout the day, leading up to Nickelodeon's first-ever "Power Down" -- an on-air call to action for kids to engage in environmental activity.

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Nickelodeon also will unveil *The Big Green Help* grants program to support schools and local organizations with sustainability projects, and offer kids the opportunity to take environmental action with more than 500 local grassroots Earth Day events. The efforts are part of Nickelodeon's *The Big Green Help* campaign -- a multiplatform, global pro-social initiative designed to empower kids to take action on the environment and connect them to energy saving and earth-friendly activities in their everyday lives.

"On Earth Day, we are using the power of our brand to connect kids to an issue of importance to them," said Marva Smalls, Executive Vice President, Public Affairs, Nickelodeon Kids and Family Group. "More than half of kids have told us they are concerned about the environment. By working with our partners, and through initiatives like our new grants program and 'Power Down,' we are providing them with tools and resources to help them be better environmental custodians."

Nickelodeon will premiere green-themed episodes of hit live-action series *iCarly* and *True Jackson, VP* in primetime. *iCarly*'s "iGo Green" (April 22, 8 p.m. (all times ET/PT)) features the iCarly gang tackling an earth-friendly project to help better the environment, while True makes an environmentally friendly discovery in *True Jackson, VP*'s "True Intrigue" (April 22, 8:30 p.m.). New green-themed episodes of *The Wonder Pets!*, *OLIVIA* and *Wow! Wow! Wubbzy!* will air during Nickelodeon's preschool block on Earth Day, and NOGGIN will broadcast new environmentally themed episodes of *Toot & Puddle*, *Yo Gabba Gabba!* and *Pinky Dinky Doo*.

On the heels of the network presenting the first-ever Big Green Help Award at this year's *Kids' Choice Awards* to Leonardo DiCaprio -- who encouraged kids to take action to improve the environment -- Nickelodeon, NOGGIN and The N will ask kids to "Power Down" at 9 p.m.\* and turn off their lights for 60-seconds, signaling a commitment to become more environmentally conscious. Throughout the day, Nickelodeon will also celebrate real kids who are already taking steps to help the environment through a host of new on-air promos. Leading up to and on Earth Day, Nickelodeon will also encourage kids to go [online](#) and officially pledge to take real-world actions to help the environment.

The network will continue its Earth Day celebration off-channel with the introduction of the [The Big Green Help grants program](#), which will provide resources of up to \$5,000 to schools and community-based organizations for the creation of projects geared towards environmental action. Applications will be accepted online (<http://www.bghevent.com/grant>) from April 22 to Dec. 31, 2009.

Nickelodeon has also partnered with 12 national organizations on local Earth Day events and activities in the U.S. to provide kids with opportunities to be involved in real-world environmental activity. Organizations can register their events at [www.bghevent.com](http://www.bghevent.com) and be featured as part of a Nickelodeon on-air scroll on Earth Day. More than 500 events are already scheduled to take place.

Nickelodeon's *The Big Green Help* recently expanded its partnership roster to include the US Forest Service, National Environmental Education Foundation, National Education Association and **ERTHNXT** to promote environmental awareness. Existing *The Big Green Help* partners include: Girl Scouts; 4-H; Boys & Girls Clubs of America; National Wildlife Federation; LeBron James Family Foundation; NRDC; and

NFL.

Leading up to Earth Day, *Nick News with Linda Ellerbee* will premiere "A Kid Off the Grid," on Nickelodeon Sunday, April 19, 9 p.m. ET/PT. The special episode explores the lives of families who are off the grid and what it is like to be a kid living in an energy self-sufficient household.

Nickelodeon's *The Big Green Help* is a multiplatform campaign that provides information and tools to help explain climate change to kids through on-air messaging, grassroots activity, and online gaming. More than 2 million kids have already pledged to participate in *The Big Green Help*. Last year, the network rolled out a series of online green games and recently launched the first-ever green global multiplayer online game -- *The Big Green Help Global Challenge* -- which resulted in more than 26 million game plays. Additionally, in partnership with Simon & Schuster's Little Green Books, Nick will introduce environmentally-themed educational books based on some of the network's most popular series in second quarter. For more information on *The Big Green Help*, visit <http://www.thebiggreenhelp.com>.

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