Each year, a particular theme is designated as the Focus of the Year. Themes are selected to reflect current issues both locally and globally. Schools have the option of following this particular focus to qualify for an additional award. Schools are not penalized if they do not pursue a project related to the Focus of the Year.

A project related to biodiversity can take many forms and is ultimately up to your team to decide upon. Items highlighted in yellow on the project ideas list align with Biodiversity Action and can get you started, though the possibilities are endless!

**Biodiversity is all the different kinds of life in one region**—the variety of animals, plants, fungi, and even microorganisms like bacteria that make up our natural world. Each of these species and organisms work together in ecosystems, like an intricate web, to maintain balance and support life. Many species provide important benefits to humans, including food, clothing, and medicine.

While Earth’s biodiversity is so rich that many species have yet to be discovered, but many species are being threatened by human activities.

One of the most beautiful things about biodiversity is its resilience. Ease up on the pressure, manage resources well, give it time, and the ecosystem will adapt. Nature and biodiversity will recover.

**TOGETHER, WE CAN TAKE ACTION TO CREATE LASTING SOLUTIONS AND PROTECT THE FUTURE OF BIODIVERSITY.**