

## Going Green: Boy rallies support for rain forests.

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Eleven-year-old Evan Green doesn't want to save just a tree—he wants to save a whole rain forest!

The Redwood City, Calif., boy started a group called the Red Dragon Conservation Team four years ago to do just that. So far, the team's members have raised \$4,500. That's enough to purchase and protect more than 16 acres of rain forest in Costa Rica through the Center for Ecosystem Survival.

Every year, thousands of square miles of the warm, wet land are ruined worldwide. Logging and ranching are the biggest culprits, scientists say. The loss is terrible news for animals and people. Even though rain forests cover less than 2 percent of Earth, they are home to half the world's plants and animals. Rain forests also provide water and help control Earth's climate.



Evan's work to save rain forests recently earned him a Barron Prize for Young Heroes. The prizes are given to children or teenagers who have made a positive difference in the world. Evan's ultimate goal is "to save enough rain forests to last forever." He won't have to do it alone. His actions have already inspired other kids to chip in. One girl asked for donations instead of presents on her birthday. She raised \$850. Other kids are starting their own conservation teams.

Evan says everyone can help the planet—even by taking small steps such as recycling. He and his family try to make a difference every day. "We recycle, we try to limit our garbage ... we've been walking a little more, and we buy local food," Evan told *WR News*.