

SEPTEMBER 2009 PREMIERE HIGHLIGHTS

DON'T MISS PLANET GREEN'S REEL IMPACT PROGRAMMING IN SEPTEMBER

REEL IMPACT: THE LAST BEEKEEPER

Premieres Saturday, September 12 at 8:00pm (ET/PT)

The Last Beekeeper follows the lives of three commercial beekeepers in South Carolina, Montana, and Washington over a year-long period as they struggle to come to terms with a worldwide shrinking of bee populations. The phenomenon, known as Colony Collapse Disorder or CCD, threatens crops and the food supply as well as the livelihoods of a dwindling number of beekeepers. From the award-winning production team of Fenton Bailey and Randy Barbato, the founders of World Wonder, the film documents the beekeepers' respective pilgrimages to the largest event of the beekeeping year: the massive pollination of California's almonds. The challenges the beekeepers face due to the declining numbers of these essential insects become painfully and poignantly clear. "If all the bees die, what do you have to live for?" asks beekeeper Matt Hutchens. "It's not just a question for the beekeepers, it's a question for all of us." The Last Beekeeper marks the feature directing debut of Jeremy Simmons.

REEL IMPACT: THE 11TH HOUR

Premieres Saturday, September 19 at 8:00pm (ET/PT)

Written and directed by Leila Conners Petersen, and produced and narrated by actor Leonardo DiCaprio, The 11th Hour describes the last moment when change is possible. It's a call to action that explores how humanity has arrived at this moment, how we impact the Earth's ecosystems, and what we can do to change our course. The film features dialogues with experts from around the world, including former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, renowned scientist Stephen Hawking, former head of the CIA R. James Woolsey, and sustainable design experts William McDonough and Bruce Mau. More than 50 prominent scientists, thinkers and leaders present the facts and discuss the most important issues that face our planet, proposing potential solutions to environmental catastrophes including a complete rethinking of global human activity through technology, social responsibility, and conservation.

REEL IMPACT: A SEA CHANGE

Premieres Saturday, September 26 at 8:00pm (ET/PT)

Director/co-producer Barbara Ettinger asks you to imagine a world without fish. While this may seem inconceivable to some, retired educator and concerned Grandfather Sven Huseby (co-producer) fears that such a catastrophe could actually happen. As he sets out aiming to focus public attention on this little-known crisis, he travels to stunning ancestral sites in Norway and Alaska where he finds cutting-edge research on ocean acidification underway. Along the way it becomes clear that dramatic changes in the ocean's chemistry pose an urgent threat to our survival, which endangers Sven's own cultural identity. His journey of self-discovery brings adventure, surprise and an unflinchingly honest look at a reality we all must act on before the oceans are lost for future generations.

FOCUS EARTH

Premieres Saturday, September 5 at 6pm (ET/PT)

ABC News anchor Bob Woodruff hosts Planet Green's **FOCUS EARTH WITH BOB WOODRUFF** featuring green news and events. Each week, Woodruff covers a variety of subjects ranging from climate impact and environmental policy to political debate and world events. The series includes studio-based roundtable discussions, feature stories, and lively

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NETWORK PREMIERE

EMERIL GREEN

Premieres Monday, September 7 at 8pm (ET/PT)

EMERIL GREEN, hosted by Chef Emeril Lagasse, helps real people solve cooking problems by utilizing fresh and organic sources of food to promote a healthier lifestyle. Many of the meals prepared on the show support sustainable fare by choosing ingredients from local sources and fair trade options. Shot mainly on location at Whole Foods Market®, Lagasse works with everyday cooks who have real culinary challenges.

Episode Premiere 'Island Flair' Monday, September 7 8:00 PM (ET/PT)	LJ loves to cook and fish is one of his family's favorites, but he is yearning for a new twist. He's a big fan of Caribbean food but is confused about which fish are sustainable and wants to learn the basics. After a quick lesson with Chef Emeril and the Monterey Bay Seafood Watch program, LJ's on track and ready to get busy in the kitchen. He'll master a Satsuma Ceviche, chow down on some Lobster Beignets, stir it up with Bahamian Chowder and smoke up a Black Cod with Jamaican Red Bush Tea! It's a taste of the islands!
Episode Premiere 'Wok On the Wild Side'	Stir-fry is simple, satisfying and can be a great way to get your vegetables. But what if your
Monday, September 14	sauce always burns or comes out thick? Lisa
8:00 PM (ET/PT)	Sue has tried orange sauce, soy sauce, brown sauce, and lobster saucebut her wok skills leave something to be desired. Chef Emeril will give her a lesson in Basic Vegetable Tofu Stir Fry and then introduce her to Eggplant and Green Beans in Spicy Garlic Sauce; Stir-Fry Shrimp and Snow Peas in Lobster Sauce addresses the use of cornstarch and then we

	wok on the wild side with a Sweet and Hot
	Pepper Chicken.
Episode Premiere	Eric loves to cook and wants to eat
'Organic On a Budget'	organically, but since he's on a strict budget
Monday, September 21	he's having a hard time choosing foods that fit
8:00 PM (ET/PT)	both of these categories. Chef Emeril has the
	answers that Eric needs, and will show him
	which organic items in the grocery store are
	the most economical and how he can get the
	most bang for the buck from those ingredients.
	What's more, Chef Emeril will also teach Eric
	which produce is essential to buy organic and
	what should be bought by conventional
	standards.
Episode Premiere	Chef Emeril will show you how to get back to
'Right From the Beginning'	basics, and when you start with fresh, organic,
Monday, September 28	sustainable ingredients, you're half way there.
8:00 PM (ET/PT)	Lisa loves to cook and entertain, but seems to
	spend most of her time correcting her
	mistakes. She needs to learn how to get it
	right from the beginning. Lisa will learn to
	caramelize her Six Onion Soup. Poaching,
	blanching and hard-boiled eggs are the lessons
	learned through Salad Nicoise with Artic Char.
	And piecrust is the final exam with Emeril's
	Rhubarb-Strawberry Tart.

PLANET MECHANICS

Premieres Tuesday, September 8 at 9pm (ET/PT)
Dick Strawbridge and Jem Stansfield are engineers with an eye on the environment. Their mission: to Fix the World. This series pits engineering ingenuity and innovation against our planet's most pressing environmental problems.

Episode Premiere	The Planet Mechanics, Dick Strawbridge and
'Electric Water Taxi'	Jem Stansfield, travel to Venice, Italy, to help
Tuesday, September 8	save one of the world's most beautiful cities
9:00 PM (ET/PT)	from the damaging effect of boat pollution.
Episode Premiere	Eco-engineers Dick and Jem run a pick-up
'Tree Powered Truck'	truck on wood and drive it through the streets
Tuesday, September 15	of London. Later, the dynamic duo turn a
9:00 PM (ET/PT)	vehicle into the ultimate recycling machine.
Episode Premiere	Eco-engineers Dick and Jem travel to County
'Surf Power'	Clare, Ireland, in an attempt to harness the
Tuesday, September 22	power of the ocean and generate green
9:00 PM (ET/PT)	electricity. Using some surplus sewer pipe,
	they devise a huge wave energy converter.

Episode Premiere
'Solar Paella'
Tuesday, September 29
9:00 PM (ET/PT)

Eco-engineers Dick and Jem head to Andalucia, Spain, to help a farmer pump enough water from his well to sustain his cattle. Dick harnesses wind power using a windmill pump while Jem tries a Stirling engine.

NETWORK PREMIERE

COOL FUEL

Premieres Tuesday, September 8 at 10pm (ET/PT)

With the gas tank on empty and 16,000 miles of America to explore, Australian Shaun Murphy, his trusty Jack Russell Terrier, Sparky, and the COOLFUEL Crew set off on an incredible journey to conquer the American Road. But they're doing it like no one else has done it – relying on COOLFUEL and American ingenuity.

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Episode Premiere	Shaun, Sparky & the Coolfuel crew pack their
'Ethanol and Micro-Hydro Power'	soybean-powered RV, and start off in San
Tuesday, September 8	Francisco, finding out if they can make it all
10:00 PM (ET/PT)	the way to Oregon using just geothermal
	power. They try an electric motorcycle and
	the fastest street legal volt-powered car in the
	world! There's spectacular aerials over the
	Golden Gate Bridge, beautiful redwoods and
	the volcanic geysers. Overall, it's a wild ride
	without gas and they've still got 15,000 miles
	to go!
Episode Premiere	Soybeans make milk. Maybe tofu. But fuel?
'Garbage and Wind Power'	800 miles worth of fuel! Shaun, Sparky &
Tuesday, September 15	the crew try to make it from Oregon to the
10:00 PM (ET/PT)	beautiful San Juan Islands at the Canadian
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	border with crushed soybeans in the tank.
	Shaun & the crew visit a Coolfuel Concert
	with Jackson Browne and Jack Johnson then
	hook up with the wackiest vehicle they've ever
	seen: a soybean-powered motor detached from
	the car that it drives.
Episode Premiere	The crew head out from Maroon Bells, the
'Geothermal and Bio-diesel'	most photographed place in America and
Tuesday, September 22	they're on the hunt for water to produce their
10:00 PM (ET/PT)	power! Shaun gets his hands on the El-
	Chopper motorbike and powers it with water.
	The RV is running low on bio-fuel and Marty's
	concerned the crew can't use gas. They find
	a rap-singing bio-fuel supplier known as the
	Ayatollah Granola of Canola. Shaun finds his
	final H2O charge at a waterfall and rolls into
	Telluride. The Coolfuel crew are still runnin'
	on empty, but who would have thought he'd
	get this far
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Episode Premiere	Got manure? Better yet, can manure-
'Food and Veggie Oil'	producing-power get Shaun & Sparky 400
Tuesday, September 29	miles from Green Bay to Chicago? Their quest
10:00 PM (ET/PT)	for fuel takes them from a dairy farm to an
	organic bison ranch, but when they run out of
	cowpower they are forced to go for
	windpower. It's not perfect, but it's not
	gasoline.

WA\$TED: NEW ZEALAND

Premieres Wednesday, September 9 at 8pm (ET/PT)

In this New Zealand version of the popular series, WA\$TED!, hosts Francesca Price and Tristan Glendinning take the average household full of eco-horrors and turn it into a clean, green haven, saving participants serious cash in the process. Each household has three weeks to reduce its consumption, going on a "green regime" to clean up their act. All improvements in energy efficiency and waste reduction are awarded to the households dollar for dollar for the recognized savings in the three weeks.

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Episode Premiere	Meet the perfect Petelo family: Patrick, Javia,
'Nappy Nightmare'	Janya, and Donelle (who has one on the way).
Wednesday, September 9	This is a nice family, who live in a nice new
8:00 PM (ET/PT)	house, on a nice street in a nice new suburb.
	But they throw away twice as much rubbish as
	most other families and that's not nice. We're
	trucking back six months worth of their
	terrible trash to wake them up to their wasteful
	ways.
Episode Premiere	You would think a country life would mean
'Country Living'	clean, green living, but not here. While
Wednesday, September 9	country life has been kind to the Parrys, the
8:30 PM (ET/PT)	former city slickers aren't exactly kind to the
	country and we're just about to trash them for
	it. This family's waste is nothing short of
	woeful. With our team of experts we're going
	to reduce their waste and increase their cash.
Episode Premiere	Three girls are living the ultimate takeaway
'Sex & The City'	lifestyle, and the amount of trash they create
Wednesday, September 16	and cosmetics they consume just ain't pretty.
8:00 PM (ET/PT)	Meet housemates, Patrina, Marjka and Kristy,
	material girls blissfully unaware that they are
	fast destroying their very own material world;
	but they're about to get a wakeup call.
Episode Premiere	They may own a home business selling
'Nasty Nappies'	reusable environmentally friendly nappies, but
Wednesday, September 16	by chucking out mountains of plastic wrapping
8:30 PM (ET/PT)	and ditching old office electronics into Council
	rubbish bins, Matt and Pippa Jinks are
	poisoning the planet without even knowing it.
	Now it's time the Wasted team made a
	business delivery of it's own.

Episode Premiere	She's mean, anything but green, and she wastes
'Water Waste'	24,000 litres of water every month trying to
Wednesday, September 23	keep her home and her kids clean. She's feisty
8:00 PM (ET/PT)	Jocelyn, and she's our toughest challenge yet.
	With the expertise of the team we're going to
	turn her around.
Episode Premiere	Late nights and long days lead to a messy
'Co-Eds'	student life, but it's not the mess these six
Wednesday, September 23	university students are creating that's worrying
8:30 PM (ET/PT)	us. It's their rubbish. We're about to gate
	crash their pad with one month's worth of their
	terrible trash and some very sobering facts.
Episode Premiere	Cigarette butts, chewing gum, and plastic
'Wrap It Up'	wrap: Is this the worst the Weas can throw at
Wednesday, September 30	us? Or do these seemingly minor
8:00 PM (ET/PT)	infringements hide eco crimes of an altogether
	more serious nature? The Weas are guilty as
	charged and we're here to wrap up their house
	and their horrible habits once and for all.
Episode Premiere	He may be the son of legendary bushman
'Troublesome Trash'	Barry Crump, but Martin, along with his wife
Wednesday, September 30	Jill and their five hungry kids are definitely not
8:30 PM (ET/PT)	at one with nature. Dining on imported food
	that's costing the planet a fortune to produce
	They have so much waste leftover that they're
	illegally dumping it in a fake Council bin,
	painted up to look like the real thing. Now
	they're about to be busted.

THE ALASKA EXPERIMENT

Premieres Thursday, September 10 at 9pm (ET/PT)

Could you survive in the awesome Alaskan wilderness? Are you tough enough to take on a freezing, brutal environment where your next meal has to be hunted down, killed and then butchered by hand? Follow four groups of ordinary people as they give up the convenience and technology of modern life and attempt to survive the wilds of Alaska.

Episode Premiere	Four groups of ordinary people have been
'Into the Wilds'	dropped into the remote wilderness of Alaska
Thursday, September 10	and must now find their shelters. Dennis Wise
9:00 PM (ET/PT)	and his two daughters encounter a bear just
	minutes into their journey; Greg and Bernice
	Pierson are pushed to their physical and mental
	limits as they attempt to climb a massive
	glacier; Jeff and Elizabeth kayak through a
	treacherous ice field and come face to face
	with a massive bear, and Tim, Allen and
	Jasmine find themselves hopelessly lost just a
	few hours into the adventure.

Episode Premiere	Four groups of ordinary people are attempting
'What Did We Get Ourselves Into?'	to survive in the Alaskan wilderness, which
Thursday, September 17	wastes no time in challenging the volunteers.
9:00 PM (ET/PT)	Everything in Alaska is bigger, tougher, and
	colder than they expect.
Episode Premiere	Four groups of ordinary people are attempting
'Starving in the Wilderness'	to survive in the Alaskan wilderness. Carolyn
Thursday, September 24	Wise heads out on a moose hunt and the
9:00 PM (ET/PT)	Flower Lake group stalks squirrels. The other
	groups are forced to take desperate measures
	to find food.

NETWORK PREMIERE GRIZZLY MAN DIARIES

Premieres Thursday, September 10 at 10pm (ET/PT)

The Grizzly Man Diaries documents the life of Timothy Treadwell in the decade before his death. This eight-part mini-series draws upon hundreds of hours of archived footage, private pages from his diaries and more than 10,000 still photographs, ultimately telling his story. Treadwell's access and relationship with bears — adults and cubs alike — shows a unique intimacy with the creatures that he alone seemed to have. *The Grizzly Man Diaries* draws viewers in to Treadwell's inner sanctum, allowing a look like no other into his relationship with the bears he cherished.

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Episode Premiere
'Fight Day'
Thursday, September 24
10:30 PM (ET/PT)

Fall is approaching and competition for fish and space is fierce in the Grizzly Maze.

Timothy witnesses several intense altercations between alpha males, all while trying to protect his campsite from mischievous weasels.

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