

ALL NEW ALL WEEK: JANUARY 4 – JANUARY 9 **PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS**

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NEW ORIGINAL SERIES

****OPERATION WILD**

SERIES WORLD PREMIERE: Friday, January 8 at 10:00 p.m. ET

Series Airs Fridays at 10:00 p.m. ET

Whether it's rescuing distressed boaters, wrangling defiant alligators or hunting down nighttime poachers, it's never a typical day for the officers of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). Using boats, helicopters, airboats or patrol vehicles, the men and women of the FWC protect Florida's people as well as the animals that live within a precious ecosystem. The FWC has jurisdiction throughout the state, and this highly trained, elite group handles calls from the unexpected to the unbelievable as well as everything in between, in an effort to keep one of our nation's last frontiers safe.

OPERATION WILD: 'Lobster Fever'

World Premiere: Friday, January 8 at 10:00 p.m. ET

The annual Lobster Mini-Season opens up Florida's waters for a frenzied 48-hour period where tens of thousands of people put their lobster catching skills to the test and risk their lives for the ultimate prize. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Officers Clinton Bean and Erik Steinmetz are partnered up for the event and quickly find themselves on a mission to rescue two vacationing couples from a sinking vessel. Meanwhile, Officer Janette Fernandez must put both her investigative talent and her patience to the test when she comes across three commercial lobstermen who have caught more lobster than they are allowed by law. However, it's not the violation that gets her fuming, it's the violators themselves. It's a busy day for Officer Fernandez when later she finds herself called to one of the unfortunate byproducts of 'lobster fever', becoming part of a team of law enforcement agencies trying to locate a missing scuba diver.

ON-GOING SERIES PREMIERES

**REEL IMPACT

Documentary Series Airs Saturdays at 10:00 p.m. ET

Planet Green's weekly film block, "REEL IMPACT," offers its viewers a look at the courageous people, mavericks and renegades who are helping to bring awareness to environmental issues and also changing the way people live in the future. Whether it's trying to save the now-dying profession of beekeeping; embarking on history's most perilous 3,375 mile swim down the Amazon in 66 days; or taking a coffee-loving, Prada-worshipping family completely off the grid for one full year, each film in the series will spark conversation. "REEL IMPACT" will air Saturdays 10 p.m. ET, starting January 9th, 2010 and encore every Thursday at 11 p.m. ET

BIG RIVER MAN

U.S. PREMIERE: Saturday, January 9 at 10:00 p.m. ET

In February 2007, a larger than life, horse-burger loving Slovenian in his fifties named Martin Strel attempted to become the first person to swim the entire length of the world's most dangerous river, the Amazon. A four-time world record-holding endurance swimmer, Strel, who previously swam the Mississippi, Danube, Paraná and Yangtze rivers, puts his life in jeopardy to highlight the impact of pollution on these important waterways. "The Fish Man" as he is called by local tribes, has braved blisters, sunburn, exotic stomach illnesses, piranhas, anacondas, crocodiles, and a parasitic fish in his tireless quest. *Big River Man* follows the eccentric and celebrated Strel as he navigates 3,375 miles of river over 66 days to prove, once and for all, that one man can make a difference.

**EMERIL GREEN (Season Two)

Ongoing Season Two Premieres Mondays at 8:00 p.m. ET

In this Planet Green original series, Chef Emeril Lagasse helps people solve cooking problems by utilizing fresh and organic sources of food to promote a healthier lifestyle. Many of the meals prepared show viewers how to produce sustainable fare by choosing ingredients from local sources and free trade options. Shot mainly on location at Whole Foods Market®, in season two Lagasse works with everyday cooks with culinary challenges. He also moves outside of the store in a series of specials filmed on location at a sustainable farm, Napa Valley, and Vermont.

EMERIL GREEN: 'Emeril's Culinary Adventure: Vermont'

World Premiere: Monday, January 4 at 8:00 p.m. ET

Hardwick Vermont is a place where the community of farmers and small business owners band together, creating a locally based 21st century food system. Chef Emeril visits the town leaders of this movement to find out how each plays a key role in keeping it local, healthy and sustainable. We meet Tom Stearns from *High Mowing Seeds* who sells seeds to Pete Johnson of *Pete's Greens*. Pete's produce makes it to *Claire's*, an original CSR "community supported restaurant." Chef Emeril will visit Andy and Mateo Kehler of *Jasper Hill Cheeses* and Andrew Meyer of *Vermont Tofu*. Their unique approach to business reinforces their commitment to the community as well as making amazing products available across the country. Join Chef Emeril as he uncovers a Vermont that's more than leaf peppers and maple syrup.

****LIVING WITH ED**

Series Airs Wednesdays at 9:00 p.m. ET

Living With Ed chronicles the day to day, eco-friendly adventures of actor Ed Begley, Jr. and his wife Rachelle, as they navigate life in Los Angeles with Ed always trying to leave the smallest possible carbon footprint in his wake. This brand new season on Planet Green follows the dynamic couple as they embark on exploits including an unlikely trip to Vegas (yes, Ed in Vegas), a wedding anniversary getaway only Ed could organize and a major home renovation not to be missed. Viewers will also be treated to “On the Road with Ed” video diaries and a host of new companion elements on PlanetGreen.com including original webisodes with Ed and Rachelle, blogs and special interactive events.

LIVING WITH ED: ‘Author, Author’

World Premiere: Wednesday, January 6 at 9:00 p.m. ET

Now that Ed has finished his second book, he and Rachelle get set to take a bite out of “the big organic apple” aka New York City for a promotional book tour. No Begley trip is complete without Ed’s travel “eco survival kit,” that includes a metal briefcase containing a low-flow showerhead, a non-plastic water container, and three sizes of compact fluorescent light bulbs. Rachelle is dumbfounded by Ed’s eco-insanity. As Ed heads off to promote his book, he notices Rachelle scribbling on a note pad, which she reveals is the beginnings of HER book, at which Ed decides it’s best to withhold comment. As the day winds down, the Begleys take a tour of the “greenest” show on Broadway, *Wicked*, and Rachelle gets to live her dream of singing on a Broadway stage – although with no audience, that’s close enough for Rachelle.

NEW SERIES – U.S. PREMIERES

****BLOOD, SWEAT & TAKEAWAYS**

SERIES U.S. PREMIERE: Monday, January 4 at 10:00 p.m. ET

Series Airs Mondays at 10 p.m. ET

A group of six young fast food junkies spend a month finding out the truth about how their favorite foods are produced. During this shock therapy that embeds them with the workers responsible for making their favorite dishes, they’ll have to live and work alongside poorly paid laborers carrying out the grimmest tasks while contending with appalling conditions. *Blood, Sweat & Takeaways* reveals the not so glamorous side of food production for the masses and how what we eat can affect others.

BLOOD, SWEAT & TAKEAWAYS: ‘Tuna’

U.S. Premiere: Monday, January 4 at 10:00 p.m. ET

Six Britons with a penchant for fast food arrive in Indonesia to tackle the tuna industry in Bitung on the island of Sulawesi. Bitung’s canneries supply over a billion cans of tuna a year to many British supermarkets and sandwich chains. The group must live with the tuna workers in basic communities, endure 90-degree heat in the canneries and struggle with the harsh realities of life on a traditional wooden tuna boat in the western Pacific. The extreme conditions affect them all in many different ways, as does the hand to mouth existence the workers must endure.

****BIG CHEF TAKES ON LITTLE CHEF**

SERIES U.S. PREMIERE: Wednesday, January 6 at 8:00 p.m. ET

Series Airs Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. ET

Little Chef has been a British institution for decades, but the restaurant chain has been on the verge of financial collapse for years. Enter Heston Blumenthal, an acclaimed three Michelin-starred chef. Can he make the British public fall in love with *Little Chef* all over again while reviving classic English food in the process? In *Big Chef Takes On Little Chef*, Chef Blumenthal takes an extraordinary culinary challenge: he has six months to come up with a new menu and design to help put the old-fashioned chain of roadside cafes back on the map. He must forget fine dining and get a grip on the real cuisine ordinary people want to eat.

BIG CHEF TAKES ON LITTLE CHEF: 'Little Chef, Big Challenge'

U.S. Premiere: Wednesday, January 6 at 8:00 p.m. ET

Little Chef has been an iconic British brand for decades, serving up no-nonsense fast food to the nation's hungry travelers. But 50 years down the road the chain is in trouble. Britain's palate has moved forward while its motorway cuisine is stuck in reverse. Enter Heston Blumenthal, one of the world's most well-known chefs and master of culinary arts. Can the creator of bacon and egg ice cream be the change the chain is looking for? He'll have to be. The company went bust in 2007 and needs a dramatic rebranding if its re-launch is going to last the distance. The heat is on for Heston.

****CONVICTION KITCHEN**

SERIES U.S. PREMIERE: Wednesday, January 6 at 10:00 p.m. ET

Series Airs Wednesdays at 10:00 p.m. ET

What do you get when you take one world-renowned chef, throw in 24 ex-cons with no culinary experience, and give them just three weeks to open a high-end restaurant from scratch?

Conviction Kitchen follows Marc Thuet, Executive Chef and his wife and business partner, Biana Zorich, as they put their reputations on the line with a high-stakes challenge that will push them – and their culinary protégés – to the limit. The training is ruthless, the hours are long, but the reward for 12 people in this motley crew of outcasts will be the second chance of a lifetime.

CONVICTION KITCHEN: Episode One

U.S. Premiere: Wednesday, January 6 at 10:00 p.m. ET

World-renowned Chef Marc Thuet and his wife Biana Zorich meet their motley crew of 24 ex-convicts and waste no time in putting them to the test. The first day of training sees tempers flare as death threats are made and two trainees walk away from the project. With only three weeks until opening night and no venue, the training is cutthroat as the couple tries to decide who will make the final 12.

****WORLD'S GREENEST HOMES**

SERIES U.S. PREMIERE: Saturday, January 9 at 6:00 p.m. ET

Series Airs Saturdays at 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. ET

From hi-spec super-homes fit for Hollywood to experimental eco-dwellings that belong in a sci-fi film, *World's Greenest Homes* features high concept, one-of-a-kind homes that are on the cutting edge of sustainable building technology. Take an exclusive tour of these homes from around the globe and see how to coexist with the environment without leaving a great impact or sacrificing comfort. Think it's impossible to be green and glam? Well, think again!

WORLD'S GREENEST HOMES: 'Dome House'

U.S. Premiere: Saturday, January 9 at 6:00 p.m. ET

World's Greenest Homes travels to New York to view a spectacular upstate retreat nestled on 28 wooded acres that features a green dome home with floor-to-ceiling windows, gourmet kitchen, and a spaceship-like exterior that rotates to make the most of the sun's rays. Then, it's off to Tunquen, Chile to see a family home with gracious, modern interiors, huge windows, and sprawling decks on three levels. This luxurious home is completely off the grid and offers breathtaking views of the ocean below. It took only six hours for this traditional-looking pre-fab home to be assembled in one of the most sought-after areas in the city. This home generates more power than it uses, blends perfectly into its beachside neighborhood, and features his and hers master suites, lakefront views, and a low-maintenance lawn.

WORLD'S GREENEST HOMES: '5 House'

U.S. Premiere: Saturday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. ET

World's Greenest Homes travels to Minneapolis, MN where a 1,800 square foot home in the suburbs features the owners' own dumpster finds, a reclaimed gymnasium floor, huge picture windows, and a durable, future-proof design. Next, it's off to Boulder, CO where a three-bedroom, 2,900 square foot home is built from eco-friendly materials, and features a noise-proofing concrete wall, soaring ceilings and windows, open concept living areas, bright design flourishes, and an indoor fish pond. Finally, in Düsseldorf, Germany, nestled in the picturesque countryside, is an open concept green dream home that features outstanding minimalist design, solar panels and passive solar heat, as well as a dramatic floating staircase, a spa-like bathroom, a fish-filled reflecting pool, and dramatic views from the home's large windows and second-storey bridge.

SPECIAL

****FOCUS EARTH WITH BOB WOODRUFF**

Focus Earth: Climate Change and the Weather

Saturday, January 3 at 7pm (ET)

ABC News anchor Bob Woodruff hosts Planet Green's *Focus Earth With Bob Woodruff* featuring green news and topical items. This special covers Focus Earth investigates the controversy over climate change and its impact on extreme weather events, including hurricanes, drought and flooding.

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