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Marching into a green spring well prepared

March draws its name from the Roman god Mars, who is most associated with war. However, Mars operated under the surname of Silvanus and was also worshipped as a god of agriculture, forests, fields, and crops. So, for that reason, the advent of spring was dedicated to Mars.

As we begin a warlike march into this green spring month that is surrounded by dollar battles, we can offer Pitsco Education bivouacs to the heartiest of education warriors. The GreenSTEM Student-Team Program and the GreenSTEM Teacher-Led Program are stand-alone semester programs that in combination may constitute a yearlong GreenSTEM Academy of curriculum and hands-on activities for middle-level students.

In environmental encounters, it is necessary to pull out the heavier artillery. Because reference to Mars has been made, it's appropriate to note that the *Mission to Mars* Module, for example, integrates the concepts of green living into the current research being conducted for a planned mission to the red planet. Using a Mars mission as a microscale ecosystem, the Module explores the green topics of water conservation, food availability, energy needs, global warming, and ozone depletion. Our GreenSTEM curriculum includes many such real-world examples and hands-on activities exploring green concepts.

The **acquisition** of the economic high ground in this engagement could be provided by some of these private funding sources that might provide monetary ammunition for environmental purposes:

Ashland Foundation

Ashland supports a variety of education, environment, and health and human services initiatives.

More information: <http://www.ashland.com/commitments/>

Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund

This foundation actively engages in conservation of land, water, and coastal resources and promotes environmental health.

More information: <http://www.goldmanfund.org/html/home/home.html>

Heineman Foundation

Heineman is concerned with environmental research that will help prevent, reduce, and/or eliminate water degradation.

More information: http://www.heinemanfoundation.org/application_process

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Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

Mott seeks to help appropriate models of development that protect the diversity and integrity of selected ecosystems in North America.

More information: <http://www.mott.org/grantseeker.aspx>

Turner Foundation

The goal of this program is to engage, organize, and empower new constituencies in order to ensure the future protection of our environment.

More information: <http://www.turnerfoundation.org/about/index.asp>

Alcoa Foundation

Their grant-making focus centers on several distinct areas: conservation, safe and healthy children, and workplace skills.

More information: http://www.alcoa.com/global/en/community/info_page/guidelines.asp

Lattner Family Foundation

The foundation's focus is on education, environment, health and social services, arts and humanities, and religion.

More information: <http://www.lattnerfoundation.org/>

Teacher's Pet

(grant tip geared specifically toward teachers' smaller projects)

National Environmental Education Foundation

Classroom Earth wants to help support teachers across the country who want to make environmental education part of their curriculum. Classroom Earth's 2010 School Challenge provides grants up to \$4,000 to help support innovative projects to incorporate environmental education into all subject areas.

More information: <http://classroomearth.org/challenge/2010>