

Winner – Phillip Pinarski: Calvin Catfish

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Everybody would love Calvin. He is funny, brave, smart, and charming. He was born in Tennessee and was found by King Neptune. Neptune soon realized that Calvin had extraordinary power.

Calvin has the power of using its barbs on its face to get everything he needs. This is a great addition to the Protectors because Calvin has six barbs on his face if they need some extra hands. He is basically a handicapped fish because when he was in an egg, a whirlpool struck the egg making him blind. You know when people say that if you're blind your hearing is terrific? Well, in this case, his barbs are terrific. He couldn't play with the other fish because he wouldn't be able to see anything, but he didn't blame them. He swore that one day he would find a way to cure to being blind. Now it's his big break to find a cure on this adventure. I would love to have this power because of all the stuff you could do, like fighting or doing your homework, without using your hands. I would like to be underestimated in a fight and at the end come out a winner.

I made Calvin blind to show everybody that they can overcome anything if they set their minds to it. I hope that the people at the North Carolina Office of Environmental Education pick me and Calvin as the newest member of the Ocean Protectors. I loved the first book and would love to be part of the sequel.

Protecting the Environment

Protecting the environment is important today with problems like global warming and air and water pollution. I have come up with some ideas to help. Now some of you may think that if you just throw your lunch on the road that it won't affect the world, but what if everyone did it?

This is where the scary part comes. Nine out of ten scientists say the world will end because of global warming. Another effect of global warming is that the polar bear is now officially endangered, along with a ton of other animals, like seals. Also I know that people don't like to go swimming in boiling hot water in the summer which is what will happen if global warming gets worse and worse. Plus no one wants to play with slush in the winter.

The Earth's environments are very important, so I have come up with three ideas to help the environment.

#1. Stand up to litter. When people litter, animals can eat, get caught in, or even get into fights with other animals to get at it. All can probably result in death.

#2. Reduce, reuse, recycle. Water, people and even air can be reused. Paper and aluminum are two major resources that can be recycled.

#3. Diamonds are a girl's best friend, so let's save it. Diamonds are beautiful, but they are slowly deteriorating.

The Earth is a special place; let's continue leaving here. One thing I want is for people

to reduce, reuse and recycle. Another thing to remember is next time you are at the beach or park, or any other place, think before you litter. We all deeply love the Earth; let's prove that we do.

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