



Save The Date!

Adirondack Youth Climate Summit

November 12 & 13, 2015

Hosted at The Wild Center in Tupper Lake, NY

The Adirondack Youth Climate Summit is a transformative opportunity for students to understand the effect that their actions have on the world around them. Students will make essential connections between their lives and the natural world, and they will acquire critical thinking skills, leadership experience, cooperative abilities, a sense of community, and an enduring passion for the environment and a sustainable global future. The Adirondack Youth Climate Summit brings together a diverse set of nearly 200 high school & college students, teachers, and faculty from 30 schools across the Northeastern U.S.. The Summit combines **informative plenary sessions** and **workshops** in an **engaging atmosphere** during this powerful 2-day educational experience. It is a catalyst in leading to changes in the lives, schools and communities of young people striving to change the world. The Summit is aligned with Common Core and the Next Generation Science Standards.

We invite your school to send a team of 6-7 students and school staff to attend this amazing two-day conference. Students will:

- Hear research-based information about the economic and ecological consequences of climate change
- Learn strategies to respond to climate change in the Adirondacks and in the process save their schools and communities money
- Develop a Climate Action Plan to bring back to their school and community
- Learn techniques to improve energy efficiency, sustainable energy usage, building maintenance, landscaping & grounds management, school & community garden planning, and how to affect the current science curriculum in schools

What is included: All meals, materials, and conference costs are underwritten by sponsors. Transportation and accommodations (if necessary) are not included.

Past Keynote Speakers Have Included:

Brian Stilwell, Alliance for Climate Education, www.acespace.org

Dr. Robin Kimmerer, Professor and Director, Center for Native People and the Environment, www.esf.edu/nativepeoples

Dr. Curt Stager, Ecologist and Paleoclimatologist at Paul Smith's College, www.curtstager.com

Tem Blessed, Green Energy Artist, temblessed.com



Plenary Sessions: Students have the opportunity to learn the ecological and social issues behind climate change from renowned climate scientists and educators

Workshops: Students can choose to attend various workshops hands-on activities and discussions to learn specific climate change mitigation tools that interest them. Workshop topics include energy efficiency, school gardening, leadership, communication & media, climate science, and more.

Breakout Sessions: The conference participants from each school or institution will meet as a group to begin drafting a Climate Action Plan for their schools and communities. They will also develop an outreach strategy to get other students at their school involved in the process.

School Poster Session: Schools and students are invited to showcase sustainability/green projects happening in their schools.

Climate Action Plan: Each school team of students, educators, administrators, and facilities staff will develop plans to “green” their facilities, reduce their carbon footprints, and increase cost savings.

The Adirondack Youth Climate Program was recently adopted as a model for environmental education by The White House Office of Science & Technology Policy’s Climate Education and Literacy Initiative, with the goal of connecting American students and citizens with the best-available, science-based information about climate change.

Adirondack regional educational institutions have the opportunity to become a part of this innovative initiative. We hope that students will take action towards sustainability and, in the process, save their schools and communities money.

For more information (and inspiration):

Watch this short video overview of the Adirondack Youth Climate Summit: <http://youtu.be/JB5CC-q0-HU>

See the Adirondack Youth Climate Summit featured in the 2013 Mountain Lake PBS and Bright Blue EcoMedia award-winning documentary, *The Resilient Ones: A Generation Takes On Climate Change*:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T3X_6zWnXrA

HOW YOUR SCHOOL CAN PARTICIPATE...

We invite every **high school** and **college** in the Adirondack region to participate in the Summit.
Space is limited so sign up soon!

How can my school participate?

Identify a team of 6 students to represent your school. Teams should include interested students—college students or high school Juniors & Seniors; members of school faculty, facilities, and administration are also welcome.

To Receive More Information, Contact: Tracey Legat, Youth Summit Registration Manager – The Wild Center
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