








# TRY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

TRY stands for **Teens Reaching Youth** and is an environmental leadership opportunity for students in grades 7-12. It is an environmental education program taught by teens and designed to increase environmental literacy and responsibility in younger youth. TRY for the Environment includes five program areas to connect young people to real-world environmental problems allowing them to be key change agents contributing to real-world solutions.

*"The Teens Reaching Youth program has allowed our students to become experts on energy and sustainability issues. It has enabled them to become agents of change through education."* - Don Taylor, Main Street Middle School teacher

TRY consists of five program content areas. You decide which program you want to teach! Each content area consists of 6 different one-hour lessons that are fun, hands-on, and easy to teach!

-  Energy FUNdamentals highlights wind and sun energy engineering. (K-3)
-  Climate Change Through Waste Solutions focuses on the 4Rs—reduce, reuse, recycle and rot. (1-3)
-  Food Systems explores the need to protect our soil, seeds, pollinators and climate. (2-4)
-  Forests & Trees investigates the basic concepts of forest & tree stewardship. (2-4)
-  4-H2O examines the water cycle, watersheds, water quality and health, and aquatic life. (3-4)

These programs are offered in partnership with the following organizations:



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# YES! I want to be a TRY teen teacher.

Getting your TRY team started is easy:

1. Read the **Position Description** and decide that you want to be a TRY Teen Teacher.
2. Organize a team of 2-4 teens. All members must be in grades 7-12.
3. Ask an adult to be your team mentor.
4. Each member of your team and your adult mentor must submit an application.
5. **Applications are due no later than November 7, 2022.**
6. If accepted, your team must be able to attend a training as scheduled below.

	Energy FUNdamentals	4-H2O	Waste Solutions	Forests & Trees	Food Systems
Training Dates	December 2	December 6	December 8	December 9	December 13

Note: **Snow dates** for all programs are **December 12, 15 or 16**. Please hold these dates.

**Go to [www.uvm.edu/extension/youth/announcements](http://www.uvm.edu/extension/youth/announcements)  
to read the Position Descriptions and apply online.**

All trainings will take place at the Green Mountain Technology and Career Center (738 Route 15 West, Hyde Park) from 8:30 am–4:00 pm. You will need permission to miss school and you must stay for the entire training. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

For more information contact:

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If you require a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Lauren Traister at 1-866-260-5603 x402 no later than **November 7, 2022** so we may assist you.

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