Give a hoot, don’t pollute:
Understanding why people value & protect the environment

Wednesday, May 13, 2020, 3:00-3:45 pm
Open to all youth in grades 7-12
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Environmental problems are complex. To solve them, we need research from ecologists and conservation scientists to better understand natural systems. But we also need research about people and how they interact with nature. We need to know more about the relationships people have with nature and how these connections might lead to behaviors that protect the environment. In this cafe, we will explore the different ways people use and value nature, as well as how researchers investigate the links between these relationships and behavior. We also will discuss different ways we benefit from nature and how this might affect our health and behavior. Students will learn about social environmental sciences concepts and methods, as well as about career paths and opportunities in this growing field.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS
Diana Hackenburg and Tatiana Gladkikh are PhD students in Natural Resources at the University of Vermont Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources. They study social and cultural aspects of environmental management, examining questions like how do people interact with nature, how does nature impact our health, and what motivates us to protect the environment. Their work is focused on Vermont - Diana works with the communities surrounding St. Albans Bay and Tatiana works with the Intervale Center in Burlington.

What is a Virtual Teen Science Café? It is a free, fun way for teens to explore science, engineering and technology with local scientists, engineers and technology experts. Teens will “meet a scientist”, learn about their work, and be able to participate in informal discussions.

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