



YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMIT

OPENING ON FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 30, 2020
COME JOIN OUR COMMUNITY!

The Youth Environmental Summit is a **FREE** annual event for students in **grades 6-12** who want to learn about environmental issues and find ways to take action. We hope to **inspire, encourage, and prepare** youth for a life of environmental responsibility, service and leadership by increasing awareness and knowledge of environmental issues and fostering leadership skills.

NEW THIS YEAR! This year's Summit will **run for 3 weeks** with a kick off on Friday, October 30 and stay open until November 20. This allows you to attend when it works with your schedule! Using FlipGrid we have built a **virtual community** learning space to make sure the sharing, learning, and networking that usually happens at YES will still happen!

The **YES Community Learning Space** will include:

- Inspiring **keynote** speeches on why youth voice matters!
- Engaging and informative **workshops** from environmental professionals, activists and student leaders!
- Opportunities to add **your voice** to the "Be the Change Audio Wall" to share what you can do to make a difference at home, school, or in your community!
- A fun and educational **YES Scavenger Hunt!** Those who submit their answers will be entered to win raffle prizes (e.g., local gift cards to restaurants, stores, and more in your local community to help local economies!)
- **Connection** with youth from across Vermont and other states!

Check out the list of workshops on the back, and then register!

Participants must register to get access to the Flipgrid. Go to:
www.uvm.edu/extension/youth/announcements

To request a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Lauren Traister, 4-H Teen & Leadership Program Coordinator, at 802-888-4972 by October 15, 2020 so we may assist you.



Workshops to be presented at YES:

- Taking Action on Energy/Climate Projects - How YOUth Can and Do Make a Difference!
- The Power of Poop!
- Plants on the Move: The Growing Problem of Invasive Species
- The Future of Wastewater and Drinking Water in a Changing World
- How to Throw a Zero-Waste Event
- The Climate Crisis and Its Solutions: Truth in Ten
- Your Vote is Your Voice!
- The Radical Forest Manager
- TRY for the Environment - Become a Teen Teacher!
- Seasonal Climate Change in Vermont: My Work with the Data
- Restoring Wetlands in VT: Ecological Design for Habitat and Water Quality
- The Banana Industry
- The Challenges of Youth Organizing and How to Overcome Them
- Racial Justice & Climate Justice
- Becoming a Citizen Scientist Using iNaturalist
- Soak Up the Storm: Understanding Stormwater and Green Infrastructure
- Sustainable Practices Through Community Partnerships
- Recycling Your Way to a More Sustainable Lifestyle at Home and in School
- Bug Houses: What, Why and How?
- Food Scrap Collection at Schools: Get Started or Step It Up
- Waste Reduction Starts at Home: Do Good, Save \$\$, and Have Fun!
- Electricity and Climate Change
- Signs of the Seasons with Audubon Vermont
- And others!

YES encourages participants to develop a service-learning project that focuses on an environmental issue to improve their local community. And, projects can be shared at next year's summit!

For a description of each workshop, please go to www.uvm.edu/extension/youth/announcements and click on "Youth Environmental Summit."

The Youth Environmental Summit is a program of:

