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THE MULE CENTER





Organize a Youth Climate Summit

Convening young people on climate change science, justice, impacts & solutions



Strong place -based science content knowledge provides a foundation for discussion and local action



Hands -on, experiential workshops for youth on climate change topics and solutions



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Climate Action Planning empowers students to identify local challenges and create a solutions framework through self -defined action

Youth for climate Action





Projects:

Students built a garden and greenhouse to grow fresh and local produce for food pantries



Students install water bottle refill stations to encourage other students to bring reusable water bottles to school



Students worked with a community arts organization to do a Trash **Couture Show**

Earth Day Fashion Show Fundraiser Saturday April 22nd AT THE GARAGERY

Proceeds benefit BluSeed Studios and The Wild Centers's Youth Climate Program DOORS: 6PM SHOW: 7PM \$25 ADULT / \$15 STUDENT ADVANCED \$30 ADULT/\$20 STUDENT AT THE DOOR BUY TICKETS AT:

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Students start theirown composting business



Students engage with the **NYS Climate** Smart Community Program and partner with local governments





Examples of Student -driven Climate Action Projects

School Projects

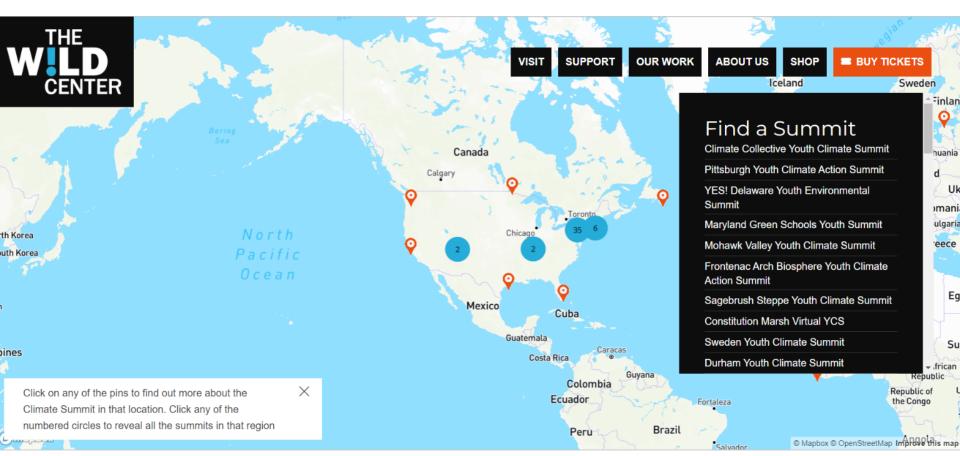
- Carbon and energy audit of school campus
- Replaced all the school lights with LED
- Organized school events: Earth Day, "green" dances, sustainability weeks, and speaker series
- Build a school garden & grow food for your school
- Reduce Plastic Waste
- Install Solar Panels on the school

Community Projects

- Create a community pollinator garden
- Build a nature trail and outdoor classroom
- Organize a beach or park clean -up event
- Host a climate -themed movie night
- Do a biodiversity inventory
- Organize a bike-share program
- Volunteer with local farms and support local & organic food
- Host a 'Trashion Show'



Youth Climate Summit Network



Download the Free Youth Climate Summit Toolkit

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Big Idea: People across sectors, generations, and backgrounds are building a web of climate solutions and are inviting all of us to find our place in the climate movement.





Key Findings:

Using a climate solutions framework for the exhibition was clear and effective



The focus on solutions and personal storytelling in the exhibition content played a significant role in making visitors feel hopeful about climate change.



Visitors appreciated that the exhibition was inclusive of many voices and experiences related to climate change.





Many visitors welcomed the general invitation that everyone has a place in the climate movement, but on a personal level, visitors fall on a spectrum of climate action.





Thank You!

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