## 2020 Catskills Youth Climate Summit



Join our VIRTUAL
Youth Summit where
school teams will ...

- Learn about climate solutions
- Develop a climate action plan
- Participate in goose chase challenges to win prizes
- Students will watch a Climate Change 101 video pre-summit

## FOUR THURSDAYS - 10/1, 10/15, 10/29, 11/12 (2020) 3:30-5:30 pm via Zoom

School Teams
will attend a
different interative
workshop
each date



School Teams
will develop an
individual climate
action plan for
their community

School Teams can register online to reserve your spot: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/y7b6a8c7">https://tinyurl.com/y7b6a8c7</a>

Before the summit, schools will receive an info packet to prepare your team, including an instructional webinar for teachers on how to Climate Action Plan

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## Program Agenda

| 3:30-4:00 | WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS                       |   |  |
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| 4:00-5:00 | WORKSHOP TITLE                                | DESCRIPTION   | PRESENTER  |
| 1.        | Telling Your<br>Climate Story                 | Personal storytelling is a powerful way to communicate about climate change and empower people to take action. In this workshop, identify your own personal connection to climate change and begin to develop your own climate story. We'll also explore how climate stories can be used as a communication tool for written pieces, presentations, and more!   | Erin Griffin, The Wild<br>Center   |
| 2.        | Environmental<br>(In)Justice                  | Environmental justice strives to ensure that no community regardless of race, class, gender, or orientation takes on an unfair share of environmental burdens and has equal access to environmental benefits. Learn environmental justice issues impacting diverse communities of people now from Flint, Michigan, climate refugees and the Black Lives Matter movement.  | Rachel Kornhauser,<br>SUNY Oneonta / Sydney<br>Asher, Margaretville<br>Central School                  |
| 3.        | Water<br>Connections                          | With nearly half of the world's population under the age of 25, young people play a critical role in protecting our water resources – the life support system of our planet. Through this session, you'll explore your connection to your local watershed, become a citizen scientist through participation in a virtual water monitoring experience, and learn key lessons for taking action to protect your community's water resources through stories from young conservation leaders around the world. | Sean Russell, Youth<br>Ocean Conservation<br>Summit / Amaal Bahnas,<br>Margaretville Central<br>School |
| 4.        | Youth Engagement in Climate Smart Communities | The NY State Climate Smart Communities Program offers local municipalities and counties a framework for climate mitigation and adaptation and covers a wide range of possible actions. Whether your interest is in energy, transportation, land use and biodiversity, education and community action/partnerships, or green economy and innovation, there are many ways to get involved.  | Scout Pronto, Rhinebeck<br>High School, Co-founder<br>of Hudson Valley Wild                            |



"An exciting experience if you're interested in learning more about the planet" - 2019 youth summit participant

"It was fun and showed how you can change the world" - 2019 youth summit participant

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