

So, what are YOU doing to help the environment?



- *Share what your class is doing to improve the environment in your corner of the watershed.*
- *Meet other students doing innovative projects.*
- *Learn from professionals in the environmental field.*

*Join us at the 15th Annual
Delaware River Watershed Education
Youth Eco-Leadership Summit*

“ Make Waves ”

April 20 – 22, 2008

Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, PA

**Hosted by Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and
Natural Resources, Bureau of State Parks**

"Few have the greatness to bend history itself, but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation... Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and, crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

- Robert F. Kennedy

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Celebrate your power to change the world.
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- *Middle and High School students share research and stewardship initiatives on local watersheds as they network and participate in educational seminars with other students and professionals during this annual three-day event.*
- *Schools are encouraged to send a team of 6-10 student leaders to represent their school by providing a 15-minute formal presentation and preparing an exhibit of their watershed community project.*
- *One or more designated adults from the school district must be in attendance and responsible for students during the conference.*
- *Cost for entire Summit—\$130.00 per person—Includes two nights/three days/meals/field trips and extras*
- *Cost for attendance on Monday only for student presentations or for teachers attending to observe (lunch included)—\$50.00 per person*

The Delaware River Watershed Education Youth Eco-Leadership Summit is a regional / basin-wide gathering of students, teachers, and resource personnel, designed to be a educational and networking experience for all students studying the Delaware Watershed and participants in the PA State Parks Watershed Education Program.

The Summit historically has encompassed a wide variety of experiences. Students participate in a field trip with both educational and interpretative sections. A selection of workshops designed to enhance field technique as well as knowledge base are offered. Separate forums are developed to introduce a variety of issues, from local to global in range. Most importantly the students are given a venue to share their Watershed Education projects, presenting their projects and network with other students who may be facing the same challenges in their watersheds.



The Youth Summit is funded and hosted by The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), Bureau of State Parks

In partnership with: Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC), Delaware River Greenway Partnership, the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, PA Fish and Boat Commission, Philadelphia Water Department, Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

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More information about the Youth Summit can be found on the DRBC website at: www.state.nj.us/drbc/edweb/summit.htm

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Highlights from Summits Past:

- ◆ *American Shad netting at Smithfield Beach in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area*
- ◆ *Organic farming with the Cherry Valley CSA at the Josie Porter Farm*
- ◆ *Wilderness medicine hands-on training*
- ◆ *Low-ropes course and climbing wall*
- ◆ *Wildlife Forensics with the PA Game Commission*
- ◆ *Paddling on the Delaware River, Lehigh River, Lehigh Canal and Lake Minsi*
- ◆ *And, of course, student presentations from throughout the Delaware Watershed!*

**Yes! We plan to attend the 2008 Youth Summit.
Please send registration materials to:**

Teacher Contact: _____

Best phone number to reach you: _____

E-mail(s): _____

Fax: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

How many students? Make your best guess. _____

How many presentations? _____

What grade are your students? _____ Middle School or _____ High School

When do you plan to be there? _____ Entire Summit or _____ Monday Only

Return **ASAP** to:

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Deadline for receipt of school registration including student names will be April 7th.