

YIP: Going Green October 20th to October 22nd Evans Lake Forestry Camp in Squamish

YIP: Going Green... Developing Awareness and Inspiring Action!

Friday:

Arrival at Camp by 4 pm: registration, room assignment, unpack, and get settled in time for dinner and some interesting environmental activities to get everyone meeting, learning and having fun together.

Saturday:

Following breakfast and an introductory plenary session, participants will choose from three concurrent sessions focusing on issues and actions

time	activity	location
8:00	breakfast	Dining Hall
9:00	<p>Plenary: Welcome and Introduction to day – David and Quinn</p> <p>“POET: Protecting Our Environment Together” an environmental leadership and grantmaking initiative <i>Spencer Reynolds, Hamilton Community Foundation Youth Advisory Council</i></p>	Main meeting room
10:00	concurrent sessions A: issues	
	<p>1. Check Your Head: Food Security and Water Privatization - Kevin Millsip This workshop addresses the globalization of the food industry and the concerns of local control of food resources, as well as the commodification of water.</p>	Lounge
	<p>2. Smartgrowth: Creating Livable Communities <i>Laura Princic</i> Urban design has a big impact on the environment and human health. Smart Growth BC advocates for better land use and urban design that protects the environment, minimizes our ecological ‘footprint’ and encourages walkable, vibrant, healthy communities.</p> <p>The workshop will describe smart growth concepts and some of the tools that are available for citizens to get involved in creating more livable communities. It will be an interactive session where the participants get to try out applying good urban design concepts.</p>	Main meeting room

	<p>3. A. Squamish Oil Spills - Patricia Heintzman A City of Squamish councillor will recount the experiences of recent local environmental disasters and the community responses to them.</p> <p>B. Kaliningrad Community Foundation: Russian Youthbanks and the Russia – Canada Community Foundation Partnership – Yulia Trifonova and Anastasia Beltyukova Learn about youth volunteerism in Russian community foundations, and opportunities for Canadian and Russian YACs to develop partnerships with twinning, mentoring and exchange opportunities.</p>	Dining Hall
noon	lunch, networking and fun!	Dining Hall/ outside
2:00	concurrent sessions B: issues/action	
	<p>1. Evergreen Foundation: Evergreen Youth Stewardship Programs – Past, present and future - Andrew Appleton Evergreen will present the lessons learned from their Youth Stewardship Initiative and future directions involving the West Vancouver Youth Stewardship Initiative. Evergreen’s youth projects have been adaptable to local needs and interests and have involved both formal and informal opportunities. In the future, we are working to bring the program closer to the curriculum and support student-run initiatives.</p>	Main meeting room
	<p>2. Vision 20/20: Speaking Out & Being Heard: Maximizing Your Letters and Emails to Policy Makers <i>Pru Moore/Christina Burns</i> In this session, participants will discuss the importance of contacting policymakers about issues of concern, how to compose letters and emails for greatest impact, and what resources exist for making this easy to do on a regular basis. Participants will actually have a chance to write and send a letter to a politician about an issue of personal concern. Background information on a range of issues and letter writing supplies will be provided.</p>	Dining hall
	<p>3. Community Foundation of the South Okanagan: Youth in Action High School Environmental Grants Program - Deb O’Mara The high school grants program was developed with input from School District administration to qualify students for graduation credits through applications in Work Experience programs. Students were also encouraged to share their projects with other students across the country by participating in the Canadian Environmental Awards 2006 Green Team Challenge – a Canadian Geographic initiative. One project, a short documentary on water conservation produced by students attending Princess Margaret Secondary School titled ‘Stop the Drip’ will be featured. Handouts will include a copy of the Youth in Action grants package.</p>	lounge

3:30	break	
4:00	concurrent sessions C: action	
	1. YAC Fund Development - Spencer Reynolds, Hamilton YAC Building endowment funds, whether for environment grants or other youth projects, is an important role for YACs. Hear about strategies for fund development, rather than fundraising, and how to build relationships with donors.	Dining hall
	2. Garbage free lunch days and other ideas for action - Quinn Runkle, Sunshine Coast YAC Projects, programs, trips, conferences..... from school based activities to tripping through Antarctica with "Students on Ice", there is no shortage of opportunities to make change through environmentalism	lounge
	3. Canada World Youth: Environment Action Youth Exchanges - Terence Lowe and CWY Team CWY is a youth exchange program that partners Canadian youth with young people from other countries to undertake community projects in both Canadian and partner countries. This session will look at the what, why and how of environment youth exchanges.	Main meeting room
5:30	summary of the day	Main meeting room
6:00	Dinner clean-up	Dining Hall
	International presentations	Main meeting room/campfire
	Campfire	On the beach

Sunday:

Time to consider how participants can take back what they have learned to their communities to support youth in addressing environmental issues.

time	activity	location
8:00	breakfast	Dining Hall
9:00	Pack-up/clean-up	Everywhere!
9:30	Group work within YAC and CWY groups	Main meeting room

And after that..... Plan to return home with new knowledge, ideas, skills, plans, and relationships to share with other group members, and to support youth in their communities to get involved in addressing environmental issues. YACs will be encouraged to stay in touch, and a special environment section of the yipcanada.org website will be created to share activities, ideas, and information. An important goal of the Forum will be on-going communication and coordination, and plans to develop "next steps".