



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

2019 YMCA Earth Service Corps Environmental Symposium Workshop Proposal

Each spring the YMCA Earth Service Corps hosts an **Environmental Symposium** with the goal of educating and empowering 150 high school youth about local environmental issues. The Symposium consists of a series of 50 minute workshops that inform teens about environmental topics and encourages them to address local environmental issues through meaningful action. This year, at the request of our youth leaders, we are seeking workshop proposals from our many community partners. YESC youth will review the proposals and make workshop selections based on their interests and passions.

This year's event will take place on **Friday, March 29th** from 9:00-2:00 at the University of Washington's Mary Gates Hall. Both indoor lecture space and outdoor areas will be available to presenters. Each workshop will be capped at a maximum of 25 high school students, ages 13-18, from schools throughout the Puget Sound region.

We are seeking hands-on, engaging workshops that will educate and excite youth about the many environmental topics relevant to our community. Below is a sample proposal from a previous workshop that may be helpful. Organizations are welcome, and encouraged, to submit multiple workshop proposals and some workshops may be offered multiple times during the day based on the level of student interest.

Complete proposals must be received by **February 15th, 2019**.

If you have questions, or would like further information, please contact me at cwheeler@seattleyymca.org or 206.466.1048.

Thank you in advance for your support in educating and empowering local teens as they become a new generation of environmental stewards.

Sincerely,

Chelsey Wheeler
YMCA Earth Service Corps Director

Sample Workshop Proposal

Workshop Title: The Plot Thickens: Local Gardening

Workshop Details:

1. What is the focus on your workshop?

Our workshop will educate youth about small-scale urban gardening. Many students lack access to open gardening spaces and container gardening is an excellent way for individuals or families to supplement their food and connect with nature.

2. In what ways would you make it interactive and engaging for youth?

The workshop will include a discussion on urban gardening and its benefits followed by hands on planting with starts. The discussion will be student focused with guided questions that encourages youth to share their experiences while learning about gardening, healthy eating and the environmental benefits of local food sourcing.

3. What would be the take away message for students attending? In what ways could youth take action in their community afterwards?

Our goal is that each student leaves the workshop having learned about the environmental benefits of local foods, the personal benefits of gardening and the knowledge that anyone can grow fruits, vegetables or herbs no matter where they live. In order to carry this forward into action each student will leave with a small start that can be planted in any type of new or recycled container and grown at home.

4. Is there any technology or other supplies you would need us to provide? Are there any unique space needs for your workshop?

We need an open space to lay down a tarp for our planting. A projector for a PowerPoint would also be ideal.

5. Anything else we need to know?

We would love to host two workshops if there is space for us!

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Thank you for your interest in leading a workshop at this year's YMCA Earth Service Corps Environmental Symposium! Completed Workshop Proposals can be submitted to YMCA Earth Service Corps via email at yesc@seattleyymca.org or fax 206.382.4920. **The deadline for submissions is February 15th, 2019.**

Presenter Information
Name and Title
Organization
Phone
Email
Workshop Information
Workshop Title
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