

WELCOME TO THE 2024 YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT!



10:00AM - 10:40AM

<p>Candler Ballroom</p> <p>First Floor</p>	<p>Welcome + Summit Overview</p> <p><i>Jordan Seurattan, Virginia League of Conservation Voters</i></p>
	<p>Land and People Acknowledgement</p> <p><i>Ren Usher, VA Tribal Member</i></p>
	<p>Activist Spotlight</p> <p><i>GreenTeenz RVA</i></p>
	<p>Keynote Address</p> <p><i>Sena Wazer, Northeast Organizer, Climate Reality Project</i></p>

10:50 A.M. - 11:35 A.M.



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<p>Chandler Ballroom First Floor</p>	<p>Tragedy of the Commons Skit: The Magnitude of Egocentrism <i>Yash Patil, Isis Soto, Keanan Berry, Logan Conner, Hewit Keeler, and Luis Alvarado</i></p> <p>A skit commenting on how exactly the development and increased scale at which we live as a society has led to the continuous taking advantage of public land and natural resources in the world.</p>
<p>Chandler Ballroom, Room A First Floor</p>	<p>The Line Between Sustainable Human Consumption and Economic Stability <i>Bronwyn Bergeron</i></p> <p>A discussion about the unsustainable future of commonly consumed products, highlighting the concerns surrounding our current consumption habits. We'll explore potential solutions and invite input from others interested in finding sustainable alternatives.</p>
<p>Capital Room 3rd Floor</p>	<p>How the Climate Crisis is Killing Us <i>Epiphany Brown</i></p> <p>How the air/climate is affecting human health and affecting lifespan, what factors contribute to the problem, and what we can do to stop it.</p>
<p>Colonnade Room 3rd Floor</p>	<p>Climate Change's Effects on Keystone Reptiles and Amphibians <i>Claire Kuiper</i></p> <p>Discussion on how climate change impacts reptiles and amphibians, and how the decline of keystone species worsens disruptions, highlighting the need for climate mitigation to protect biodiversity WITH LIVE ANIMALS!</p>

11:45AM - 12:10PM



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<p>Chandler Ballroom First Floor</p>	<p>Local Approaches to Climate Justice Panel <i>Zoey Young and Cate Kelly</i></p> <p>Explore how local governments can mitigate unequal impacts of global warming. Discover proactive strategies ensuring everyone benefits from the shift to renewable energy, with a focus on inclusivity for vulnerable communities. Fredericksburg and Loudoun County, VA serve as insightful case studies.</p>
<p>Chandler Ballroom, Room A First Floor</p>	<p>TRIVIA: Heathy Democracy, Healthier Planet <i>Sarah Ahmed, Virginia League of Conservation Voters</i></p> <p>Join us for a lively trivia event exploring democracy in Virginia. Discover the foundations of our rights and democratic processes in a welcoming, inclusive atmosphere. All knowledge levels welcome - come foster civic engagement and have fun with friends and fellow citizens!</p>
<p>Capital Room 3rd Floor</p>	<p>Talking to Your Elected Officials About Climate Change <i>Arlie Munday</i></p> <p>Discover how to contact representatives and craft compelling lobbying messages. Understand the significance of engaging with your representatives and its role in combating climate change.</p>
<p>Colonnade Room 3rd Floor</p>	<p>Why Solar or Eco-Empowerment: Students as Catalysts for Climate Action using Renewable Energy <i>Shambavi Ametrine, Powur Solar Consultant</i></p> <p>Unlock the potential of student-driven climate action through renewable energy adoption. Delve into the importance of solar and eco-empowerment initiatives as transformative forces, led by the next generation of environmental leaders.</p>


12:20PM - 12:50PM



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<p>Chandler Ballroom First Floor</p>	<p>Fast Fashion - How Fast Can It Ruin Our Environment <i>Molly Puckett</i></p> <p>The effects of the fast fashion industry on our environment and how we can be more sustainable in our clothing choices.</p>
<p>Chandler Ballroom, Room A First Floor</p>	<p>Climate Solutions in Developing Countries <i>Robbie Howes and Nadia Shalaby</i></p> <p>In our discussion, we'll explore how developing countries can tackle the climate crisis. From market and educational reforms to political restructuring and financing, we'll delve into solutions and their impacts. Join us for fresh insights from immigrant perspectives.</p>
<p>Colonnade Room 3rd Floor</p>	<p>Saving Salmon <i>Lori Ode, Environmental Activist from Bosie Idaho</i></p> <p>Chances are, there is something that you are uniquely positioned to contribute to the fight against climate change and ensuring a healthy planet. This discussion will look at some unusual examples of how people have chosen to contribute.</p>
<p>Chandler Ballroom, Room B 1st Floor</p>	<p>Poster Sessions</p> <p>WORMS: A Better Way to Compost - Stella Hensley Impact of Pesticides on Pollinators - Caroline Bass Coral Reef Restoration & Its Importance - Ember Heider</p> <p>Science of Solar - Adam Reiner The Brook Trout - Rebekah Furrow Benefits of EVs - Rishi Rajagopal</p> <p>Environmental Impacts of Natural Disasters - Frederick Johnson Jr.</p>

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<p>Chandler Ballroom, Lobby First Floor</p>	 <p>Lunch Break <i>Provided by: Rappahannock Group Sierra Club and University of Mary Washington</i></p>
<p>Chandler Ballroom First Floor</p>	<p>Documentary: What does climate change mean to you? <i>Max Heller and Jacob Hornung</i></p> <p>This video presentation will engage students from various grade levels (1st, 4th, 7th, 9th, and 12th) in a thought-provoking discussion. Through individual interviews, we will explore their perspectives on environmental issues in their daily lives. Questions will cover topics such as their observations of environmental challenges, actions taken to address them, beliefs about climate change, and uncertainties regarding environmental issues.</p>
<p>Living Rooms Second Floor</p>	<p>Meet & Greet with Environmental Organizations</p>



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<p>Chandler Ballroom First Floor</p>	<p>Data Centers Are Coming <i>Victoria Gallaway</i></p> <p>The data center industry is rapidly expanding across Virginia. Discover why our state has become a hotspot for these facilities, explore the environmental and community impacts posed by this growing industry, and gain insights into the unique challenges it presents.</p>
<p>Chandler Ballroom, Room A First Floor</p>	<p>Charting Climate Consciousness: Insights from Yale's Climate Opinion Data <i>Kate McDonald Yaun</i></p> <p>A team from Yale has recently shared data on how climate opinions can shift from location to location. We'll be going over results for the larger Fredericksburg Community, and what steps we can take to educate our neighbors.</p>
<p>Colonnade Room 3rd Floor</p>	<p>Eco-Anxiety Workshop <i>Laura Diamantopoulos, Colonial Forge High School teacher</i></p> <p>Eco-anxiety affects nearly half of young people daily. Join us as we explore building inner resilience, complementing other sessions on social connections and climate action. <i>Please note, this session does not replace professional counseling.</i></p>
<p>Chandler Ballroom, Room B 1st Floor</p>	<p>Poster Sessions</p> <p>Endangered Species - <i>Austin Key</i></p> <p>Chemical Warfare is not the Bomb - <i>Lacey Miller and Aashritha Obbineni</i></p> <p>Leatherback Sea Turtles - <i>Vivian Lau and Lei Yang</i></p> <p>Alaska's Environmental Crisis: The Willow Oil Project - <i>Spogmai Khan, Rhein S, Linsley Tchibozo</i></p> <p>Slow Down Fast Fashion - <i>Sophia Coulon, Jenny Nguyen, and Vickie Lang</i></p> <p>Debunking Climate Myths: Separating Fact from Fiction - <i>Sara Furmuli, Nooria Durrani, and Sheeza Shakeel</i></p>

2:10PM - 2:40PM



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<p>Chandler Ballroom First Floor</p>	<p>Communicating the Climate Crisis <i>Tim Cywinski, Communications Director, Sierra Club Virginia Chapter</i></p> <p>Learn how to effectively communicate environmental issues and solutions to peers and the public. Discuss strategies for conveying the urgency of the climate crisis and inspiring action in others</p>
<p>Chandler Ballroom, Room A First Floor</p>	<p>Get Dirty! Native Plant and Seed Ball Workshop <i>NoVA New Leaf Action Team, Chesapeake Climate Action Network</i></p> <p>Learn about native plants and create seed balls with the NoVA New Leaf Action Team. Participants will leave the table with their very own seeds balls to plant and clear next steps about how to take action for climate justice in Northern Virginia.</p>
<p>Colonnade Room 3rd Floor</p>	<p>Dragonfly Yoga Workshop <i>Allie Henderson, Instructor at Dragonfly Yoga Studio</i></p> <p>Join us for a rejuvenating yoga session at the climate conference, designed to alleviate climate anxiety and promote mental wellness. Take a moment to reconnect with yourself and find inner balance amidst discussions of environmental challenges.</p>
<p>Chandler Ballroom, Room B 1st Floor</p>	<p>What's the Buzz about Bee Cities? <i>Marian Matthews, Rappahannock Valley Garden Club</i></p> <p>Bee City USA is an initiative of the Xerces Society out of Portland. No or Low Mow Zones, natural habitats, and the importance of teaching members of the Fredericksburg community how to help save native bees will be covered in this session explaining this new initiative in the city.</p>

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<p>Chandler Ballroom First Floor</p>	<p>Energy Justice: Making Renewable Energy Benefit All <i>Dr. Eric Bonds, Sociology Professor at UMW</i> <i>David Cooper, Executive Director of Thurman Brisben Center</i> <i>Madeleine McCullough, Policy Program Coordinator and Analyst for the National Housing Trust.</i></p> <p>Join us for an insightful panel discussion on Energy Justice: Making Renewable Energy Benefit All. Learn how marginalized communities, historically contributing the least to climate change, are disproportionately affected by its impacts. Our experts will explore strategies to address this disparity and ensure equitable access to renewable energy resources for all.</p>
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3:15PM - 3:30PM

<p>Chandler Ballroom 1st Floor</p>	<p>Our Actions = Our Future: Wrap-up and Thank you <i>Julie Kay, Climate Reality Project Leader</i> <i>UMW Student Summit Planning Committee members:</i> <i>Shadwick Yoder, Samantha Vaughn, and Morgan Hicok</i></p>
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