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Project: A North-Central New Jersey High School Environmental Conference!

Over the course of PGC, I have been so inspired by the number of classmates/family members/friends who have taken an interest in the daily environmental challenges. It is my hope that this spirit of environmentalism and this passion will continue to spread throughout my community.

For my culminating project, it is my dream to organize a north-central New Jersey high school environmental conference. The idea is something that I have been thinking about for several months -- but PGC has given me the motivation and courage to take the first step towards turning my idea into a reality.

Purpose

The conference will bring together passionate and motivated students with an interest in environmental issues. The conference will educate and inspire high schoolers to enact change in their local communities and will serve as a springboard for future youth-driven environmental action in New Jersey.

Details

The conference would feature educational seminars led by students and by representatives from local environmental organizations on the following topics (all very PGC-inspired!):

- Environmental justice
- Renewable energy
- Composting/recycling & other waste-reduction strategies
- Current climate change research
- Current NJ environmental legislation
- Biodiversity in NJ
- Local/organic/non-GMO/Fair Trade food
- Economics & the environment
- High-school specific environmental strategies

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NORTH CENTRAL NJ

HIGH SCHOOL ECO-SUMMIT


WHO?
Any interested student currently attending high school in north-central New Jersey

WHERE?
Newark Academy in Livingston, New Jersey

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- renewable energy
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- biodiversity in New Jersey
- local/organic/non-GMO/Fair Trade Food
- economics & the environment
- composting/recycling (waste reduction)
- activism & volunteer opportunities
- high school-specific ideas and strategies



TAKE BOLD ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

Future

My dream would be for the conference to become a reality -- representatives from the green committees of several local schools would all come together for a mobilizing and inspiring conference. Local environmental organizations would volunteer to send a representative to come lead a seminar on one of the educational topics listed above. Likewise, each school would present about current environmental initiatives at their school -- by exchanging ideas, hopefully each school would leave the conference inspired to enact some new changes in their schools.

Perhaps the conference could even evolve into a larger collaboration between local schools. The participating schools could all collaborate and launch an environmental "news" blog featuring articles about environmental initiatives taking place in our schools (more general articles about

national and international environmental news could be written as well). Perhaps the summit could become an annual tradition with schools reporting back each year about their progress. While the idea is certainly ambitious, PGC has given me the inspiration and the courage to make the conference happen!

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