

Schedule of Events

International Young Environmentalists Youth Summit Friday, March 8 – Sunday, March 10 Gwinnett Environmental & Heritage Center

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

Time	Session/Workshop	Details
3:00pm	Flight Arrivals	
5:00pm	Gwinnett Environmental & Heritage Center Arrival & Dinner	<p><i>Registration is available 4:00pm until 5:30pm.</i></p> <p>Menu: catered turkey, chicken, and veggie sandwiches, chips, and sweet tea from Mall of Georgia Which Which</p> <p>IYEYS Music Playlist plays</p> <p>Located in Blue Planet</p>
6:00pm	Non-Violent Communication	Facilitated by Charles Orgbon
	Nonviolent Communication often functions as a conflict resolution process. It focuses on three aspects of communication: self-empathy, empathy, and honest self-expression (defined as expressing oneself authentically in a way that is likely to inspire compassion in others).	Located in Blue Planet
7:00pm – 8:45pm	<i>Bag It</i> Community Screening with Question & Answer and Sheet Cake Social	Facilitated by Grand Valley State University Students
	Is your life too plastic? <i>Bag It</i> is a documentary film exposing the effects of plastic bags and other plastic consumer items, and its effects on ecosystems, the marine environment and the human body.	Located in Blue Planet
[7:00pm – 8:00pm]	Greening Forward Organization Meeting	Greening Forward’s Board, Youth Council, and Staff Meet in GEHC Classroom #31 in Basement
9:00pm	DEPART for Hamilton Mill United Methodist Church	9:30-10:30 <i>Greening Forward Organization Meetings to continue at HMUM if needed</i>

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

Time	Session/Workshop	Details
8:45am	Registration, Breakfast, & Environmental Education Expo	Breakfast prepared by Grand Valley State University Students Menu: breakfast bars, variety of fruit, turkey bacon, applesauce, coffee , juices A dozen local, regional, and national environmental organizations share their work Located in Blue Planet
9:45am	Welcome Address, Keynote Address, Introductions, and Bottle Brick Awardees	Welcome by Marissa Vessels, Greening Forward Vice-President of Programs Keynote Address by Hasib Muhammad, Greening Forward Program Director Bottle Brick Awards Located in Blue Planet
10:30am (5 minute transition)	30-minute Lightening Issue Breakout Groups: discuss innovative projects in that area, what communities are facing in this area, best practices in this area, and share handouts/resources with more information	Transportation & Air Quality presented by Gretchen Gigley, Clean Air Campaign Director of Education [Located in Blue Planet] Stream & Ocean Ecology presented by Charles Orgbon, Greening Forward CEO [Located in GEHC Classroom #31 in Basement]
11:05am (5 minute transition)	30-minute Lightening Issue Breakout Groups	Sustainable Agriculture by Amakiasu Ford, Education Programs Coordinator, Truly Living Well [Located in GEHC Classroom #31 in Basement] Renewable Energy presented by Daniel Kay, consultant to Georgia Power and Greening Forward Board Member [Located in Blue Planet]
11:40am (5 minute transition)	30-minute Lightening Issue Breakout Groups	Youth Conservation Corps & Engaging Diverse Communities, Greening Youth Foundation Director of Education [GEHC Classroom #31 in Basement]

		Waste & Consumption by Olivia and Carter Reis, One More Generation Founders [Located in Blue Planet]
12:10 noon	Lunch	<p>Prepared by Grand Valley State University Students</p> <p>Menu: veggie and turkey hotdogs, salad, fruit, chips, and soft drinks</p> <p>Environmental Professionals of Color – EPOC: Your luncheon will begin in the basement in Classroom #31 during this time</p> <p>Located in Blue Planet</p>
12:45pm	<p>Social Media by Joshua Carrera, Greening Forward Social Media Strategist</p> <p>Learn how to use social media to take your environmental campaigns to the next level.</p>	Located in Blue Planet
1:15pm	<p>Putting your Mission into Visual Images presented by Josh Daniel, Greening Forward Creative Design Intern</p> <p>Josh Daniel helped Greening Forward create our comic strips, logos, and even our infographic that we use to explain the work we did. He will show you how you can use pictures, comics, and blogs to share your organization’s work more powerfully.</p>	Located in Blue Planet
2:15pm	BREAK [table set-down]	Leave Blue Planet
2:20pm	Dance Party or Guided Hiking	<p>Located in Blue Planet</p> <p>IYEYS Music Playlist</p>
2:55pm	BREAK [table set-down]	Leave Blue Planet
3:00pm	<p>Greening Forward Youth Council Presentation</p> <p>Personal Stories: Experiences of Young Environmental Changemakers</p>	Located in Blue Planet

	<p>Youth and Environmental Educators Panel</p>	
4:30pm	<p>Fundraising and Grantwriting presented by Kevin Truong of Greening Forward's Development Team</p> <p>Kevin Truong offers an insider's look into how foundations think and how you can craft grant-winning proposals.</p>	<p>Located in Blue Planet</p>
5:25pm	<p>BREAK</p>	<p>Leave Blue Planet</p>
5:30pm	<p>Dinner</p> <p>Musical performances</p> <p>Speaker</p>	<p><i>Catered by Moe's Southwest Grill</i></p> <p>Menu: tofu, chicken, and beef burritos</p> <p>Located in Gathering Hall</p>
6:30pm	<p>Arts & Crafts by Grand Valley State University Students</p>	<p>Crafts to be made: plastic octopuses, bottle brick awards</p> <p>Located in Gathering Hall</p>
7:00pm - 8:30pm	<p>Environmental Ethics, Commitment Banner, Wrap Up Discussion, & Speed Networking</p>	<p>Some environmental issues are "sticky" – we'll propose some interesting environmental paradoxes and lead an interesting discussion.</p> <p>How will you take this information and apply it to your school and community? What will be your next steps?</p> <p>Located in Blue Planet</p>
[6:30 – 8:00pm]	<p>Greening Forward Organization Meeting</p>	<p>Greening Forward's Board, Youth Council, and Staff Meet in GEHC Classroom #31 in Basement</p> <p>Organization Professional Development (15 minutes) Team Meetings (30 minutes) Youth Council/Board Meetings (30 minutes)</p>
9:00pm	<p>DEPART for Hamilton Mill United Methodist Church</p>	<p>9:30-10:30pm Greening Forward Organization Meetings to continue at HMUM if needed</p>

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Time	Session/Workshop	Details
8:00am	Leave Hamilton Mill United Methodist Church for Piedmont Park Picnic	Breakfast @ 7:00AM Menu: breakfast bars, variety of fruit, toast, applesauce, juices, and instant coffee <i>[Breakfast on 3/10 is for guests staying at Hamilton Mill United Methodist church only]</i>
9:30am	Piedmont Park Arrival <i>Registration continues at Piedmont Park at 9:30am</i>	Team-building games (30 minutes) Diversity & Inclusion (45 minutes) Citizen Journalism (45-minutes) Flash Mob/Photos (30 minutes) Team-building games (20 minutes) Explore Park/Lunch (20 minutes) Circle Reflection – what did you learn? (20 minutes) Menu: deli and PB&J sandwiches, chips, and fruit
1:00pm	CONCLUSION	Van takes all summit participants to the airport starting at 1:00pm

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Have questions?

Someone is always at the registration booth to answer questions, but you may also try contacting Marissa Vessels, marissa@greeningforward.org, (855) 326-8336. Ext. 400.

Directions to the GEHC From I-85

Take Exit 115 at Buford Drive (GA Hwy 20) and travel West toward Buford on Buford Drive until you get to Plunketts Rd. Turn left onto Plunketts and continue straight until you get to Clean Water Drive. Turn left onto Clean Water Drive and continue straight until you get to the **Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center at 2020 Clean Water Drive, Buford, Georgia 30519.**

Directions to Hamilton Mill United Methodist Church From I-85

Take Exit 120 (Hamilton Mill Rd/Hamilton Mill Parkway). Coming North Bound, turn right off of the exit onto Hamilton Mill Road towards the BP and QuickTrip gas stations. Then, turn left at the first light and continue on Braselton Hwy (GA Hwy 124) until you reach Pine Road intersection on the corner with the library and park. Turn right onto Pine Road and continue on Pine Road for <1 mile. **HMUM is on left at 1450 Pine Rd, Dacula, GA 30019.**