Good Morning!

My name is Anna and I am writing on behalf of YMCA Earth Service Corps (YESC), an environmental education program for teens from around the Puget Sound that supports youth in developing leadership skills through environmental service.

YESC is hosting its annual Environmental Symposium on Friday, March 27 from 8:30-1:30 at the University of Washington. We are looking to share information about the event with as many parents, students, teachers, and green teams as possible. This event is open to all teens and we would love if you can share with your network. I've included a brief blurb about the event below as well as attached a flyer.

About the YMCA Environmental Symposium
The Symposium gathers passionate, motivated student leaders together at the University of Washington to learn about the environmental issues facing our world and how to create a sustainable future for our schools, communities and beyond! Participants will take part in hands-on workshops led by local organizations and designed to educate students about environmental topics as well as give teens the skills they need to address environmental issues in their schools and communities. Youth will be networking with peers and adults and gaining tools to create real, positive change. Lunch will be provided with vegetarian options available. There will also be a free raffle of outdoor and environmental prizes for all in attendance.

Supporting Youth Participation
The Symposium is a one-of-a-kind event and YESC is dedicated to ensuring that youth have the opportunity to attend. To support students and teachers we are offering Substitute Teacher Reimbursements and a Letter of Support.

In order to support teachers that would like to bring youth to this event, we are offering **Teacher Substitute Reimbursements** to teachers who bring seven or more students. Teachers or staff are eligible even if they are not officially affiliated with the YMCA Earth Service Corps. There are limited spaces, so we encourage teachers to contact us quickly to ensure they reserve a reimbursement. Finally, we are able to provide a **Letter of Support** that details the academic benefits of this event to help students receive an excused absence.

WHAT: YMCA Environmental Symposium
WHO: Youth grades 8-12
WHEN: Friday March 27 from 8:30-1:30
WHERE: University of Washington, Mary Gates Hall, 1851 NE Grant Ln, Seattle, WA 98105
REGISTER: Participants can register online, by calling 206.587.6116 or emailing us at yesc@seattleymca.org. Deadline: March 13. Space is limited so we encourage you to register quickly! For field trip/group registration, please contact Chelsey Wheeler directly at cwheeler@seattleymca.org.

If you have questions or would like further information please feel free to contact me.

Thank you in advance for helping to make the YMCA Environmental Symposium a success.

Sincerely,
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