



FREE Admission for Students!

This one day conference is for middle and high school students wanting to learn about the environmental issues and challenges we face at a local and global scale, and how to take action to make a difference.

JOIN US ON EARTH DAY - APRIL 22, 2021

Featured Speakers Include:



Natalie Warren, author of *Hudson Bay Bound*

Natalie intertwines environmental and social speculations, challenges she faced on her 2,000 mile journey, and heart warming stories to tell of her historic paddle expedition and the enduring wonder of the wilderness.

A live session held by Re-Earth Initiative members Nala, Fatima-Zahrae, and Theresa as they explore topics such as their roots in climate activism, the work of Re-Earth Initiative, and the importance of water conservation.



Plus!

- **SIX Environmental Science Workshops** to choose from
- A Conservation **Career Panel**
- And a Panel of local **Youth Environmental Advocates**

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PROGRAM

- 8:30 am **Welcome**
- 8:35 am – 9:10 am **Hudson Bay Bound: Two young women. One dog. 2,000 miles to the Arctic.**
 Natalie Warren recounts her journey as one of the first two women to canoe the 2,000 mile route from Minneapolis to Hudson Bay, a route made famous by Eric Severeid in *Canoeing With the Cree*.
- 9:20 am - 9:50 am **Youth Leadership in the Environment with Q & A**
 Hear from fellow high school students about what drives them to make a difference in our world - both big and small, and learn what you can do in your own community.
- 9:50 am - 10:10am **Break and Exhibits**
- 10:10 am -10:50 am **Re-Earth Initiative**
 Meet Re-Earth Initiative international members Nala, Fatima-Zahrae and Theresa as they explore topics such as their roots in climate activism, the work of Re-Earth Initiative and the importance of water in climate justice and the importance of conservation of water.
- 11:00 am - 11:45 am **Concurrent Sessions Round I**
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| Wild World of Macroinvertebrates | A Watershed in Jeopardy: Aquatic Invasive Species | What is Your Watershed Address? |
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- 11:45 am - 12:30 pm **Lunch and Exhibits**
- 12:30 pm - 1:15 pm **Concurrent Sessions Round II**
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| Discover St. Croix National Scenic Riverway | Are We Able? Yes! Are We Willing? The Start of Earth Day | Lessons from Standing Rock: A First Hand Account |
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- 1:25 pm - 2:00 pm **Conservation Career Panel**
 Interested in a career in the outdoors? Learn the path and insight of people from government, nonprofit, and private sectors that have chosen a career in conservation.

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS ROUND I

11:00 AM -
11:45 AM



Wild World of Macroinvertebrates

Evan Griggs & Amber Taylor - MN Trout Unlimited

Learn about the cool aquatic insects you can find in Minnesota and what they tell us about the quality and health of our waterways. Get up close with live macroinvertebrates as we teach you what makes them an awesome and important component of lakes, rivers, and streams.

CHOOSE ONE SESSION TO ATTEND



A Watershed in Jeopardy

Jeremiah Walters & Katie Sickmann - St. Croix River Association

Aquatic invasive species have a devastating impact on the watersheds that they invade. Students will identify how aquatic invasive species affect our economies and ecosystems, and the role we all can play to prevent their further spread through an engaging and interactive game of Jeopardy!



What is your Watershed Address?

Aleisha Miller - St. Croix County

We all have an address; that number, street name, city and state tells other people where you live in the human world. We all also live on Earth – the water planet. Together, we will look at where you live on the water planet and how you are more connected to water around you than you think.



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CONCURRENT SESSIONS ROUND II

12:30 PM - 1:15 PM

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Lessons from Standing Rock: A First Hand Account

Laura Richey (Anangokwe) - Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College

Participants will learn about the true events of the Standing Rock protest against the Dakota Access Pipeline from the lens of a Water Protector. Students will learn about the importance of protecting sacred waters and the environment from a Native Perspective.



Discover St. Croix National Scenic Riverway

Daniel Peterson & Dale Cox - St. Croix National Scenic Riverway

Travel with National Park Service Rangers Dale and Dan on a virtual trip down the Namekagon and St. Croix Rivers. They will share what makes this national park such a special place and an international paddling destination in your own backyard!



"Are we able? Yes! Are we willing?" The Start of Earth Day

Marty Harding - North Woods and Waters of the St. Croix Heritage Area

This was the question posed by Senator Gaylord Nelson, Father of Earth Day, more than 50 years ago. In our time together, you'll watch a video clip from "When the Earth Moves," and explore a dozen inspiring youth-led environmental actions you can take in your community.



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