



Friday, April 24, 2020 at Tacoma Community College

The Youth Environmental and Sustainability Summit (YESS) is a free, student-led conference. The event is sponsored by Pierce County Planning & Public Works in collaboration with community partners from around Pierce County.

Students will teach and learn about a variety of environmental and sustainability topics. Our goal for YESS is that the teams, groups or individuals who attend will leave with an action plan for solutions for the environmental issues in their community and school.

How to apply

Applications are accepted February 14–March 20, 2020.

[Registration link](#)

Each application is reviewed individually by the steering committee with consideration for equity and representation from different school districts.

Students must be accompanied to the summit by a teacher or adult sponsor from their school. We encourage multiple attendees from the same school so they can form a team or club to act together after the summit. Homeschoolers and running start students are welcome.

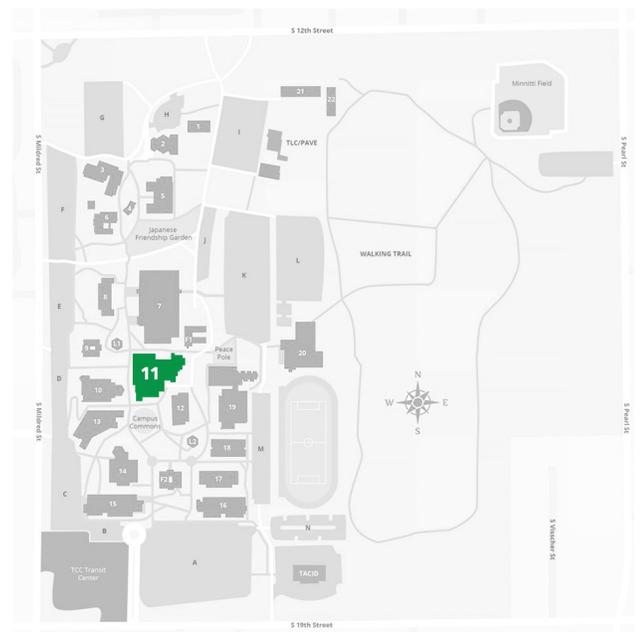
Abbreviated agenda

8:00–8:30 a.m.	Campus tours SIGN-IN <i>Student Poster Presentations</i>
8:30–9:15 a.m.	Keynote Presentations
9:15–11:15 a.m.	Breakout Sessions
11:15–11:45 a.m.	LUNCH <i>Student Poster Presentations</i>
11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	Action Project Planning
1:00–1:15 p.m.	Keynote Closing
1:15–1:45 p.m.	<i>Student Poster Presentations</i>

Location

Tacoma Community College
6501 S 19th St, Tacoma, WA 98466

Building 11 | [Campus map](#)



Details for teachers and adult sponsors

Teacher sponsors will accompany their students to the summit and maintain contact with them throughout the event. The teacher/adult to student ratio will be no greater than 1:10. Please let us know if you have difficulties with that ratio.

Teacher sponsors will help students post-summit with the implementation of the action plan.

Teacher sponsors should be available to help with classroom management for the workshops and as needed to assist the youth running the workshops.

Student workshop or poster presenters

One important way in which the seminar is student led is through the workshops and posters. Content should focus on how students are making changes in their school and community. It is an opportunity to provide useful information for others who want to address sustainability. Students are not required to present or do a workshop.

Workshop participants will be asked before the summit to indicate interest in the different topics, which will determine their placement in different workshops.

Workshops: Students can run workshops alone or as a team. Standard workshop length is 30 minutes, but longer workshops are possible (70 minutes or 110 minutes). We can provide support to students who want to run workshops.

Please contact Joshua Christy (contact info below) for help with the workshops.

Posters: Blocks of time are scheduled for students to present posters: 8:00-8:30 a.m., 11:15-11:45 a.m., or 1:15-1:45 p.m.

Transportation and substitutes

Financial support is available for substitutes and transportation for Pierce County schools (including Tacoma). We can pay for a substitute for one teacher per school. There is a space on the registration form to indicate the need for financial support.

Food

Lunch is not provided. Please let us know if your cafeteria is unable to provide brown bag lunches for your students.

Questions?

Contact someone from the Environmental Education program:

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Please let us know if you are running into any barriers that might prevent you from attending. We will work with you to address them.

