

## **A Global Movement!**

The Northeast Climate Confluence will coincide with other climate justice gatherings taking place around the world. By empowering youth in the Northeast, we are strengthening the movement worldwide. The work that we do at the Confluence will continue when we all return to our communities and share what we have learned.

Youth at the Confluence will be in a safe and welcoming environment. Medical professionals will be on site, as well as individuals trained to respond to conflicts of all sorts. Youth will have the opportunity to camp outside at the beautiful Epworth Camp and Retreat Center, and indoor housing is also available. We will provide tents and sleeping bags for youth who do not have these resources.

Please get in touch for more information about the Confluence, the Youth Track, and how to get involved! We can send you outreach materials to give to youth and parents, registration forms, and materials to help with fundraising.

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**Youth Empowerment  
Environmental Justice  
Global Liberation!**



**Northeast Climate Confluence  
July 31<sup>st</sup> – Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 2008  
YOUTH TRACK!**

A Summer gathering to strengthen our movements in the Northeast, work for justice, sustainability, and liberation, and empower youth to make positive changes in their communities.

**Epworth Camp & Retreat Center  
High Falls, NY**

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## What is the Confluence?

A confluence is a mixing of different streams or weather patterns that flow together and become stronger, resulting in a series of storms.

The **Northeast Climate Confluence** is a coming-together of movements, groups, and individuals to strategize for action, strengthen our relationships, and share ideas and skills. The same system that wages a daily war on our communities is poised to destroy our very lifeblood: the earth, the water, our food, and our culture. The power to stop this destruction already flows through our roots, and by combining our knowledge and energy we will create real solutions and decrease our dependence on the institutions that are attacking the planet and all life.

At the confluence we will slow down, take the time to learn from each other, and prepare for the action that we all know we must take. The confluence is not the end-goal of our organizing, it is the beginning. It is calm before the storms.

## What is the Youth Track?

An important component of this gathering will be the **Youth Track**, in which young people (ages 14-18) from all over the Northeast will come together to learn, teach and strategize about meaningful ways to make positive change in their communities and the world. Like the rest of the Confluence, this track will consist of interactive workshops, trainings, discussions, social gatherings, and musical performances that will empower youth from all incomes, physical abilities, and cultural backgrounds. This 4-day retreat will be a time for young people to reflect, share, and develop networks of solidarity so that they can continue to grow as organizers in their local areas.

Youth will have the opportunity to offer workshops to their peers as well as learn from other youth and elders on a wide variety of issues including:

- **Fighting Racism and War**
- **First Aid and Survival Skills**
- **Edible and Medicinal Plants**
- **Prisons and Police Brutality**
- **Immigrants Rights**
- **Women's Liberation**
- **Climate Change**
- **Environmental Justice**
- **Community Organizing**
- **Urban Gardening**

## How can we get involved?

The Confluence is nothing without you! As an organization that already does important work with young people we need your support and guidance to make the Youth Track a reality. Your wisdom and experience are the foundation for a strong movement toward community and youth empowerment. We hope that the Confluence can be a continuation of the leadership and skill development work that youth have already begun in your organization.

The more streams that flow together in July, the stronger our current of resistance will become! We want to work collaboratively and build strong points of connections now. There are many ways that youth in your organization can get involved in organizing for the Confluence in your area.

We are working to make sure that any youth organizations who want to come to the Confluence can do so. Please get in touch and let us know:

- If there are youth in your organization who would be interested in coming to the Confluence!
- What would your group need to make this happen?
- What can your group offer to the Confluence? Can you offer a workshop on the organizing that you do? Could youth in the group help grow food to bring with them? Could you host a fundraiser between now and July?
- Are you interested in helping with local organizing to activate more youth organizations in your area to come to the Confluence?

## CONTACT US!

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