

Dear Families of nominee of the  
**WNY Youth Climate Action Summit,**

We are excited to offer this opportunity to you and your child! Whether it is a passion for the environment, an interest in science, an excellent work ethic, or a sense of leadership; your child was chosen by their teacher to attend the third annual Western New York Youth Climate Action Summit because their teacher saw positive qualities in them. We want to be sure we have your support so we are providing some information for you.



In order to reserve a spot at the summit we will need you to fill out the attached permission form with your child and return it to us by **Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**, in addition to registering for the event by going to [www.wnyyouthclimatesummit.org](http://www.wnyyouthclimatesummit.org) to complete the online registration survey. This letter has more information about the summit, as does the enclosed agenda.

#### **WHEN**

The summit will take place on **Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>** from **8am to 9pm**, rain or shine.

#### **WHERE**

The summit will be held at the **SUNY Buffalo State College campus** at 1300 Elmwood Avenue in Buffalo, NY. Many of the workshops will take place in classrooms of the Science and Math Complex, in the Campbell Student Union, as well as in courtyard space on campus. The evening activity will be on the cruise boat, the Miss Buffalo, and will depart from Buffalo's Inner Harbor and traverse around Lake Erie and the Niagara River, before returning back to the Inner Harbor. Students will ride buses from the college campus to the harbor. *(Find directions on next page)*

#### **COSTS & TRANSPORTATION**

This summit is **free** for all participants. Meals will be provided all day. Transportation to Buffalo State as well as from Buffalo's Inner Harbor will need to be coordinated by participants and their families (in some cases, schools may make arrangements for transportation; see your teacher with inquiries). Transportation from Buffalo State to the Inner Harbor will be provided.

#### **SAFETY & SUPERVISION**

The safety of our students is at the forefront of all conference activities. The attendees will mainly be led in small groups, with large gatherings for meals, and the adult-to-student ratio will be no greater than 1:15. Students will be supervised both on the Buffalo State campus and during the off-site activities. While the attendees do have opportunities for independent socialization, all students will remain with adult staff in a structured environment. The conference faculty is comprised of a team of high school teachers, several college-level educators, a few Buffalo State students to direct and guide tours, and several volunteers from local science committees that will be there to just share in the day's fun. Parents and guardians can reach one of the program coordinators at any time during the conference – please call or text **716-289-2915** if you have any questions during the summit time.

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STUDENT

Students are expected to behave respectfully to all speakers and conference facilitators, to other students, to the facilities we will be using, and to themselves. Students are expected to dress appropriately for both indoors and outdoors activities – sneakers or comfy shoes are encouraged for walking across the college campus and dancing!, as well as sweaters/jackets/sweatshirts for the evening on a cruise boat. Students can bring money for snacks, but all meals will be provided. Students are encouraged to leave electronic devices at home or tucked away during the entirety of the conference. We understand that cell phones are a part of life, a safety measure, a tool, and a form of communication between the students – we just ask that these are only used at appropriate times, and remain out of side/sound during times when students should be listening to directions, to tour guides, or to invited speakers. Thanks for understanding.

### ***Directions to SUNY Buffalo State (drop-off is between 8am-8:30am)***

- **From the Southtowns:** 190N → Scjacuada exit (30mph!) → Grant St. exit, stay in right lane → turn right onto Grant St. → turn left onto Letchworth St. to enter campus → Letchworth St. becomes Rockwell Rd. → once you get to the R-1 area of Rockwell Rd. look to turn left onto Cleveland Dr.
- **From the Northtowns:** Kensington Expwy (the 33W) → Scjacuada exit (30 mph!) → Elmwood S exit → turn right onto Rockwell Rd. to enter campus → once you get to the R-1 area of Rockwell Rd. look to turn right onto Cleveland Dr.

**Registration (8:30am):** Once on Cleveland Dr., there is a circle and also several parking spots. This is the drop-off area for students. They will continue under Cleveland Hall, across Perry Quad, to the Campbell Student Union for registration and welcome.

### ***Directions to Buffalo's Inner Harbor (pick-up is at 9pm)***

- **From the Southtowns:** 190N → Church St. exit → right at next light on Lower Terrace → follow this road until a stop sign → make right at the stop sign onto Erie St. → follow this road towards Templeton Landing parking lot
- **From the Northtowns:** Kensington Expwy (33W) → Oak St. exit → right on Swan St. → cross Franklin St. to make a left on Erie St. → follow this road toward Templeton Landing parking lot

**Pick-up:** the Miss Buffalo will be docking across the street from Templeton Landing parking lot

## MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Kelli Grabowski at [grabowkj@buffalostate.edu](mailto:grabowkj@buffalostate.edu), or take a look at our website at <https://wnyyouthclimatesummit.org>.

Sincerely,

**WNY Youth Climate Action Summit Committee**  
NYS Master Teacher Program – Western NY Region



**BUFFALO STATE**  
The State University of New York



**PERMISSION SLIP**

By **Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**, please fill out this form and return to the WNY Youth Climate Action Summit committee by mailing to:

**Attn: WNY Youth Climate Action Summit  
Master Teacher Program  
SUNY Buffalo State  
1300 Elmwood Avenue  
Buffalo NY 14222**



You may also scan or take a picture of this permission slip and send to [jelliott@sweethomeschools.org](mailto:jelliott@sweethomeschools.org).

Please don't forget to register online by going to [www.wnyyouthclimatesummit.org](http://www.wnyyouthclimatesummit.org)



*Once we receive your **online registration**, watch for email confirmation from us.*

I hereby grant permission for \_\_\_\_\_ (*youth name*) to attend the WNY Youth Climate Action Summit on Saturday, June 1<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at SUNY Buffalo State from 8am-9pm. I understand that students will be participating in hands-on activities, riding a bus from the college to Buffalo's Inner Harbor, and boarding and riding the Miss Buffalo cruise boat. I respectfully entrust my child's well-being to the collegiate and high school teachers in charge of facilitating this conference. I have gone over the responsibilities required of the student during the conference with my child.

Youth name \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any known allergies or medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any physical restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Doctor phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent cell number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_