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WE ARE THE ONES WE’VE BEEN WAITING FOR

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Earth Guardians is growing a resilient intergenerational movement, with youth at the forefront, to turn the tides on the environmental and climate crises by empowering them as leaders and amplifying their impact.

WELCOME!

Welcome to Earth Guardians! Our youth-led intergenerational community of leaders, artists and musicians from across the globe envision a world where all people honor and respect the earth and our life-giving systems. We are dedicated to finding ways to collaborate and support each other toward building a global movement to protect the earth for generations to come.

There are many ways to get involved. We invite you to make changes in your life that will having lasting effects on the planet and people. This Engagement Packet will walk you through the steps to becoming an effective leader.

Earth Guardians is here to empower you as a front-runner in shifting people's destructive practices, reducing environmental impacts and building the world we know is possible.
How YOU can get Involved today

As Earth Guardians continues to grow globally, we support young people as they confidently step up to lead projects, campaigns and collective actions. It is our commitment to provide a network of support and community, connecting young people with mentors, opportunities and each other. Sign up to become an Earth Guardian at www.earthguardians.org.

LEVELS OF ENGAGEMENT

PATHFINDERS are young people searching for ways to take action on environmental issues. Are you a Pathfinder? If so... Start upgrading your eco habits by committing to 5 to 10 Simple Things, from our list of 50 Simple Things, that you can do to reduce your environmental impact. Pathfinders also participate in a community service project or Home Audit found at www.earthguardians.org/audit.

And, when you are ready for more, become a ....... TRAILBLAZER and earn your Earth Guardians bumper sticker!

TRAILBLAZERS take action by incorporating 10 or more of the 50 Simple Things into their daily lives and by inviting their friends and family do the same. Trailblazers also organize 1 to 4 Protect Our Future campaigns every year to protect our Earth, Air, Water and Climate.

And, when you are ready for even more, become a ....... FRONTRUNNER and earn your Earth Guardians stainless steel straw!

FRONTRUNNERS have rockstar eco-habits and role model 15+ of the 50 Simple Things, organize 1 to 4 Protect Our Future seasonal campaigns each year and officially launch their own Earth Guardians Crew.

Then, when you are ready go the distance, become a ....... TORCHBEARER and earn your Earth Guardians t-shirt and email address!

TORCHBEARERS incorporate all of the above into thier lives and can then apply for one of our leadership Youth Councils.

Send your full name and action story to reachout@earthguardians.org to recieve your prize!
Simple Things is a guide for making daily lifestyle changes to reduce our environmental impact. We’ve listed some examples for you below. Check out our full list at www.earthguardians.org/50simplethings.

**HOME**
- Put electronics on power strips and turn off when not in use.
- Remember to turn off your lights when you leave the room.

**EATING**
- Eat less meat. Try vegetarian dishes – or better yet, vegan!
- Buy locally-sourced food when possible.

**CLEANING**
- Use rags or hand towels instead of paper towels or napkins.
- Use non-toxic, environmentally-friendly products for cleaning.

**SHOPPING**
- Keep an extra reusable bag in your purse / backpack / bike / car.
- Buy products made from, or packaged in, recycled materials.

**TRANSPORTATION**
- Walk, rollerblade, skateboard, unicycle or ride a bike.
- Carpool and ride-share whenever possible.

**ACTIVITY**
- Replace screen time with socializing, creating, learning and exercising.
- Get into the habit of spending time in nature every day.

**RECYCLE and REUSE**
- "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" – in that order!
- Start by not buying something you’ll wind up recycling or throwing away.
Four times a year, thousands of youth from our Earth Guardians Crews, all over the world, come together for actions during our Protect Our Future campaign to protect the Earth, Air, Water and Climate.

Together, we mobilize the collective power of our generation to protect our planet, and its people, for future generations.

We recognize environmental issues are different in each community, and it is the people who live there who know how to find solutions to local needs.

Protect Our Future has a specific environmental focus for each season:

- Protect Our Earth | March - June
- Protect Our Water | July - August
- Protect Our Air | September - November
- Protect Our Climate | December - February

This helps keep our global network of young change-makers connected as we work to protect our future. The projects are launched every season on equinoxes and solstices.

visit www.earthguardians.org/pof for PROTECT OUR FUTURE
An Earth Guardians Crew is a self-selected youth-led group of leaders who are taking action for a healthy, just and sustainable planet. Earth Guardians Crews are emerging all over the planet and can be a family, school, group of friends or community who are passionate about making a change. We know that real, organic change doesn’t come from the top-down... it comes from widespread cultural shifts. We know that climate leadership in your community might look different than it would in other places. Talk to us. Work with us. We’re in this together.

Find an existing Crew or Start Your Own on our website at www.earthguardians.org/crews
Earth Guardians National Youth Council is a selected group of twenty-five fantastic young people, ages 15 to 22, from across the nation, who are trained as leaders to create local and national solutions to social and environmental justice issues.

Earth Guardians International Youth Council is a selected collective of youth leaders, from around the world, who are focused on cultivating meaningful relationships across cultures, building international solidarity, and taking action together towards a just and sustainable world. They also guide our yearly global actions.
FINDING INSPIRATION | AROUND THE WORLD, EARTH GUARDIANS ARE ANSWERING THE CALL TO RISE.

PLEASE MEET Youth Director, Xiuhtezcatl Martinez, a seventeen-year-old indigenous climate leader, hip-hop artist and powerful voice at the forefront of the global environmental movement. Xiuhtezcatl began speaking out against environmental destruction at age six and has traveled the world raising awareness, speaking in schools, performing eco hip-hop, making multiple television appearances and addressing the General Assembly at the United Nations. His mission is to activate the leadership abilities in all young people. Xiuhtezcatl (Shoo-tez-cott) asks you to join him on behalf of this generation and generations to come.
GLOBAL ACTIONS

*Global Actions* are specific campaigns for timely, relevant and unifying causes. In 2018 Earth Guardians is focused on *Getting Out the Vote* and *12 Days of Divestment*. Any Earth Guardian can participate in these *Actions*.

Xiuhtezcatl is turning 18 in May 2018 and has decided to use his birthday to encourage young people to engage in electoral politics. He will be reaching out to other young celebrities, activists and students turning 18 this year to join him in this effort.

Together, we are rallying young people across the United States to exercise their voice through their right to vote. Using social media, the Earth Guardians website and high school voter drives, we are providing resources for first time voters to identify green candidates who will stand up for their future. Earth Guardians will be partnering with voter registration and voter turnout organizations, such as Vote for Our Lives, to get young people engaged in the political process.

Our 12 Days of Divestment campaign is unifying Earth Guardians around the world by encouraging everyone to divest, or remove their money, from any bank who invests in fossil fuels. So far over $6 trillion has been taken out of the fossil fuel industry and momentum continues to build. This campaign will be used to highlight local communities and show the ways that all of our struggles are connected. It's both global and local.

With 12 Days of Divestment, Earth Guardians will use social media and video to highlight a different community working to fight a fossil fuel infrastructure project every month. During that time people will pledge online to divest their checking accounts and investments in solidarity with that community.
Hold Yourself Accountable to the EARTH GUARDIANS CODE OF ENGAGEMENT

I am a leader. Leaders create leaders. I empower others to lead.

I put the earth first. I regularly consider these questions: If everyone on earth lived the way I do, would it be sustainable? What am I doing on a daily basis to build a healthier, happier, cleaner and more sustainable world? How do my habits and choices impact other life on earth, including plants, animals, ecosystems and people?

I collaborate. I dare to be someone who actively develops positive, powerful relationships, especially difficult situations.

I know that taking care of myself is the backbone of sustainable activism. I take good care of myself, I listen to my body and I invest my time and energy in projects that fulfill me.

I move. I spend less time sitting around, talking and planning... and more time doing.

I go big. I don’t believe in external limits. As Paul Hawken, an environmental writer and activist says, “Don’t be put off by people who know what is not possible. Do what needs to be done and check to see if it was impossible only after you are done.”

My wins are everyone’s wins. We’re in this together.

I participate in global actions and Protect Our Future.

I share my stories. I report to Earth Guardians headquarters about my projects and passions to build the movement across the world. I help Earth Guardians Crews get the word out, by sharing social media posts. And I make sure to add #EarthGuardians and #ProtectOurFuture to attract more views.
PRINCIPLES AND AGREEMENTS

I will...

BE A LEADER

BE MINDFUL

REALIZE MY POTENTIAL

FOLLOW MY INNER GUIDE

COMMUNICATE WITH INTEGRITY

ACT WITH INTEGRITY

LISTEN DEEPLY

HONOR DIFFERENCES

TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

RESOLVE PROBLEMS CONSTRUCTIVELY

GO FOR EXCELLENCE

RE-EVALUATE MY COMMITMENT

LIGHTEN UP
“ALL LIFE IS SACRED
AND EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED
BECAUSE WE ALL
DRAW LIFE
FROM THE SAME EARTH
AND WE ALL DRINK
FROM THE SAME WATERS”

- XIUHTEZCATL TONATIYUH

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