Catalyst Spring Program 2022: Eco-Leadership Outdoor School
April 28-29, 2022

Catalyst presents a two-day Ecologically Informed Leadership Outdoor School
April 28-29 (Thurs-Fri), 2022

Leave your laptops behind to participate in an in-person, offline, land-based, experiential, immersive outdoor learning opportunity that will leave you feeling refreshed, inspired and connected to other fellow student leaders and the land around you, while also enhancing your intersectional leadership skills.

Facilitated by The Guelph Outdoor School, you will learn how to lead with more ecological awareness by exploring the intersectionality of climate issues, action & stewardship. Activities & topics include living land acknowledgments, truth, reconciliation and the land back movement, biomimicry, land and water protection and defense, and how we can take leadership from the land itself.

Program Objectives:

Over the span of two days you will:
- Explore the benefits of land-based experiential education & innovative nature-inspired learning
- Explore intersectional approaches to climate action & environmental stewardship
- Further strengthen your leadership approach and intuition towards climate issues

*Successful completion of this Catalyst program will be recognized on your PCDR.*

Program Team: 15 Student Participants, 2 Facilitators

Location: Guelph

Community Partner: Guelph Outdoor School

Participation Criteria:

You must be able to commit to two full days (9-5pm) of program, April 28-29. This program is open to students of all academic backgrounds. Interested students must complete an online application. Program is limited to 15 students.

Cost:

Free to student participants. This program is being funded by the Experiential Learning Hub.

If accepted to the Catalyst Experience, I understand that spots in this program are limited and that the EL Hub is investing in my learning by offering this for free. If I am unable to participate in the program, I will notify Terence (tlowe01@uoguelph.ca) as soon as possible.
Location and Accessibility:

All activities will take place outdoors at the Guelph Outdoor School. Program will be rain or shine. Transportation from campus will be provided. The Guelph Outdoor School is engaged in the ongoing work of making programs more accessible and welcoming. In your application, please let us know of any accommodations that would support your learning. This learning opportunity takes places on the ancestral lands of the Attawandaron people and the treaty lands and territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit.

Key Dates:

April 7: Application Deadline
April 11: Acceptance (or waitlist) email sent out to successful participants
April 13: Deadline to accept
April 20: Online orientation, 5-7 pm (Wed)
April 28-29: In-person program, 9am-5pm each day
April 30: Optional volunteer clean-up activity as part of the Project Serve team participating in the City’s annual Clean & Green community clean-up

Commitment:

Pre-Program:
• While this Catalyst Experience take place between semesters, it is important for participants to invest in some pre-program preparation beforehand to start exploring and understanding the relationship between climate change and leadership.
• What sort of preparation and learning would you prioritize for yourself?

During Program:
• 2 full days of land-based experiential learning at the Guelph Outdoor School. Activities & topics include living land acknowledgments, truth, reconciliation and the land back movement, biomimicry, land and water protection and defense, and how we can take leadership from the land itself.

Post Program:
• Explore and engage in ongoing learning and allyship towards climate actions and environmental stewardship

If you have any accessibility concerns or questions regarding details of the program and/or the application process, please do not hesitate to contact: Terence at tlowe01@uoguelph.ca