

EMERGING LEADERS' NETWORK

RESOURCES & STEPS FOR ACTION



AMC's iNaturalist Project

Join the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) and others in monitoring plants and animals along the Appalachian Trail corridor by getting involved in the [iNaturalist Project: Flowers and Fauna along the Appalachian Trail Corridor](#). All plants and animal observations are welcome and if you add them to iNaturalist they will be available for scientific study. Partners are particularly interested in flowering times in the context of climate change and will review plant and flower submissions to use in phenology (timing of biological events) studies, including the A.T. Seasons project. As observations accumulate, this may also be helpful in determining the distribution and relative abundance of species across the Appalachian Trail landscape.

Outdoor Alliance for Kids (OAK)

[Outdoor Alliance for Kids \(OAK\)](#) is a national strategic partnership of more than 100 businesses and organizations representing more than 60 million Americans, with a common interest in connecting children, youth, and families with the outdoors. OAK supports public policies and investments that expand outdoor and environmental education opportunities, promote community health and wellness and engage more youth in environmental protection. Their advocacy includes pushing for legislation and programs that support and invest in connecting children, youth, and families to the outdoors.

Some of Oak's initiatives include:

- [Youth Outdoor Policy Playbook](#)
- Sign [this pledge](#) to receive an action toolkit and find out how you can get involved in the Every Kid Outdoors in State Parks campaign!
- [Every Child Healthy Outdoors \(ECHO\) Across America Toolkit](#): State and Community Action Resources

New Deal for Youth (ND4Y)

A [New Deal for Youth \(ND4Y\)](#) is a youth-led, youth-centered effort advocating for the creation of new systems, policies, investments, and structures that reimagine life for young people in America. The ND4Y Policy Platform advances radical and interconnected policy ideas that transform current systems, and that center racial, gender, and social justice. You can read and sign on to the ND4Y demands [here](#).

HOW YOU CAN STAY CONNECTED TO THE ATC

Emerging Leaders' Summit

AUGUST 5-8, 2022

at State University of New York (SUNY) in New Paltz, NY

The Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) is hosting the 2022 Emerging Leaders' Summit (ELS) in conjunction with A.T. Vista, which will offer over 100 different opportunities to experience hikes, workshops, and excursions. Join us in discussing and celebrating the future of the Appalachian Trail's (A.T.) protection, the importance of dedicated Trail stewardship, and the connection of the human spirit to nature.

Apply to be a part of a diverse cohort of leaders, ages 18-35, looking to expand skills and stewardship for the outdoors through connection, action, and expression. Selected participants will receive a scholarship covering lodging, meals, and registration costs.

An application and more info about the Summit can be found [HERE](#).



Emerging Leaders' Network

Please tune into our future Emerging Leaders' Gatherings! These quarterly, virtual meet-ups provide ongoing connection, speakers for inspirational growth, and opportunities for continued involvement. Join our Emerging Leaders' Network newsletter to receive updates on events and opportunities [HERE](#).



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