

Adirondack Youth Climate Summit 2026

Keynote Address



What Bugs Taught Me About Belonging

Joseph Yoon, Professional Chef and founder of [Brooklyn Bugs](#)

Thursday, October 22nd, 9:00-10:00 am, Flammer Theater*

This is an intimate and reflective talk on identity, community, and purpose — tracing how an unexpected conviction in edible insects became a vehicle for discovering who Chef Yoon is and where he belongs in the world. Part personal narrative, part cultural exploration, and part science communication, Chef Yoon takes an interdisciplinary approach with a focus on diversity, equity, storytelling, and belonging.

**This session will be livestreamed on The Wild Center [YouTube page](#)*

Climate Science 101 Session



Climate & You: One YCS Alum's Journey

Andrew Marshall Fagerheim, Youth Climate Program Alumn & PhD Candidate at Columbia University (Department of Earth & Environmental Sciences)

Wednesday, October 21st, 9:30-10:30 am, Flammer Theater*

In this two-part plenary talk, Andrew Marshall Fagerheim will begin by describing his journey from youth climate summit participant to PhD student studying ocean & climate science. Then, he will provide a brief introduction to Earth's climate system, how humans are changing it, and how we know our understanding is reliable.

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Climate Action Planning Session



Emma Green Team

Wednesday, October 21st, 9:30-10:30 am, Flammer Theater*

Learn how to create your own Climate Action Plan from high school students at Emma Willard School! They will use previous and current projects that they've executed at Emma Willard to walk through the steps of how to create your own plan for your school.

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