



TRY for the Environment



TRY stands for **Teens Reaching Youth** and is an **environmental leadership opportunity for students in grades 7-12**. It is an environmental education program taught by teens and designed to increase environmental literacy and responsibility in younger youth. TRY for the Environment includes five program areas to connect young people to real-world environmental problems allowing them to be key change agents contributing to real-world solutions.

The Teens Reaching Youth program has allowed our students to become experts on energy and sustainability issues. It has enabled them to become agents of change through education. - Don Taylor, Main Street Middle School teacher

TRY consists of four program content areas. You decide which program you want to teach! (More on back.)

→ Each content area consists of 6 different one-hour lessons that are fun, hands-on, and easy to teach!



Energy FUNdamentals highlights wind and sun energy engineering. Grades K-3



Climate Change Through Waste Solutions focuses on the 4Rs—reduce, reuse, recycle and rot. Grades 1-3



Food Systems explores the need to protect our soil, seeds, pollinators and climate. Grades 2-4



4-H₂O examines the water cycle, watersheds, water quality and health, and aquatic life. Grades 3-4.

These programs are offered in partnership with the following organizations:



www.uvm.edu/extension/youth



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YES! I want to be a TRY teen teacher.

Getting your TRY team started is easy:

1. Read the Position Description and decide that you want to be a TRY Teen Teacher.
2. Organize a team of 2-4 teens. All members must be in grades 7-12. (You do not have to be enrolled in 4-H to apply.)
3. Ask an adult to be your team mentor. Make sure they read the Adult Mentor Position Description.
4. Each member of your team and your adult mentor must submit an application by **November 8, 2021**.
5. If accepted, your team must be able to attend a training as scheduled below.

	Energy FUNdamentals	Climate Change /Waste Solutions	TRY 4-H ₂ O	Food Systems
Training Date	Dec. 3, 2021	Dec. 7, 2021	Dec. 10, 2021	Dec. 15, 2021
(Snowdate)	(Dec. 13, 16 or 17)	(Dec. 13, 16 or 17)	(Dec. 13, 16 or 17)	(Dec. 16 or 17)

Go to www.uvm.edu/extension/youth/announcements to download the application packet.

All trainings will take place at the **Green Mountain Technology and Career Center** (738 Route 15 West, Hyde Park) from **8:30 am—4:00 pm**. You will need permission to miss school and you must stay for the entire training. Lunch and snacks will be provided. (*Snowdate trainings will take place at a location TBD.*)

Please note: We understand that there is still uncertainty with Covid, especially the Delta variant. We fully realize that an in-person training may not be possible and/or that teen teachers may not be able to enter K-4 classrooms. If public health or school guidelines do not allow an in-person TRY program, then we make adjustments accordingly.

For more information contact:

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If you require a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Lauren Traister at 1-866-260-5603 x402 no later than November 8, 2021 so we may assist you.



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