Meet our campers!

Paulina, University of Texas at Dallas
I’m Paulina Hruskoci (She/Her), an incoming sophomore at The University of Texas at Dallas. Currently, I serve as President of Deeds Not Words (DNW), a progressive womxn’s rights organization on our campus and as an Eco Rep for the UT Dallas Office of Sustainability. I’m a big fan of black coffee, road trips, and reproductive justice!

Enola, McGill University
I’m Enola. I just graduated from McGill University where I was also the sustainability commissioner. This means I hosted DIY workshops and sustainable networking events, ran social media pages and the website, went to high schools around Montreal teaching students about environmental justice, and also worked on bigger sustainability projects around campus such as a mug drive to reduce the use of single use cups on campus.

Rachael, Oberlin College, West Virginia University
Hi all! My name is Rachael (she/they) and I just graduated from Oberlin College with a BA in Environmental Studies and a concentration in Environmental Justice. At Oberlin I worked for and managed the Resource Conservation Team, which reduces the college’s waste stream through things like a Free Store, food rescue program, dorm compost program, and move-out program. This August I am starting a Masters in Geography at West Virginia University and researching how the petrochemical industry affects the Appalachian region economically, socially, and environmentally. I’ll be doing this work in collaboration with the Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition, and outside of the academic work, I am hoping to also start organizing efforts on campus around single-use plastics and the petrochem industry. When I’m not working on those things I love to garden and consume copious hours of TikTok.
Shelot, University of Limpopo
I am Shelot Masithi, a final year student in BA (Criminology & Psychology) at the University of Limpopo. I am an author, poet and editor. I am passionate about plastic pollution. I love finding new ways to diverge from plastic usage. When I'm not studying, I blog about plastic pollution and environmental problems. I love discussing such topics with my friends, just to bring them to the society of real problems with real people. I'm an avid reader, that's why I binge on coffee.

Katie, University of Victoria
Hi everyone, my name is Katie. I will be entering my third year at the University of Victoria where I am studying environmental studies and geography. I first dove into a plastic leadership role in my first year where I was introduced to the Surfrider foundation at the club fair. From then I have acted as Vice President and now for the last year stepped up my role to President of the student club at the University. I love spending time outdoors, gardening and singing loudly while out riding my horse!

Baleigh, Marshall University
Hello everyone!
My name is Baleigh Epperly (she/ her) and I am going into my fifth year of undergrad at Marshall University in West Virginia. I am a major in sociology and a double minor in studio art and psychology. I created and serve as president of an environmental activist and awareness club, and am also a part of a two-year program 'Ambassadors of Social Change' through the university. Because of my ambassadorial position I was granted the opportunity to serve as a board member with the Environmental Organization (OHVEC, Ohio valley environmental coalition).
Maddi, Colorado College
My name is Maddi (she/hers). I am going to be a sophomore at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, CO. My most recent experience in grassroots organizing has been this summer as an intern on Andrew Romanoff’s campaign for U.S. Senate (now over, unfortunately) and with the statewide nonprofit advocacy group, Environment Colorado. I am looking to major in Environmental Policy with a minor in Education, and I am stoked to continue learning about the plastic and climate crises and collectively generate ideas to lead and take action on our respective campuses. In my free time, I enjoy skateboarding, hiking, singing (when no one is around, lol), and doing yoga!

Ryan Cruise, Surfrider Foundation
I’m Ryan Cruse (he/him) and I manage the Student Club network at the Surfrider Foundation. I started my journey in ocean protection back when I was in college (15 years ago) doing beach cleanups with the Surfrider club on my campus and was then a volunteer for the organization for 10 years (in various cities) before I was hired as staff in 2015 as the Oregon regional manager. I also helped found the organization, Warm Current, which helps create access to ocean recreation opportunities for youth from the Makah, Quileute, Quinault and Hoh tribal communities.

Clinton Ezeigwe, Ebonyi State University in Nigeria
Hi everyone! My name is Clinton (he/him), and I am a 4th year Law student with major interest in Environmental Law. I am also a community and civil society activist, currently the President of People to People International, Imo State Nigeria Chapter and the Senior Program Manager with Centre for Peace Across Borders (CePAB). I am truly passionate about reducing plastic pollution and seeing the people and nature positively impacted by effective enforcement of environmental policies. One of my philosophies is to
place a lot of premium on environmental education. I also enjoy working as part of a team, and sharing a common goal.

**Briant Grant, University of Louisville**

I am Briant Grant (he/him) and I am a Junior economics major at the university of Louisville. I started by working with a local organization that focused on trail cleanups in my hometown, currently I am the co-director of green initiatives for the service branch of our student government. We are working on programming to increase interest in sustainable topics and spread more information. If you have any questions about sustainability on my campus feel free to reach out my email is bmgran02@louisville.edu :) I also make kombucha.