

YES!

Youth Environmental Summit!

in conjunction with the Heartwood Forest Council

May 23 – 26, 2014

Camp Ondessonk, Ozark, Illinois

This is an inaugural gathering of high school students concerned about protecting our environment and seeking solutions to environmental degradation. It will run concurrent with the 24th annual Heartwood Forest Council. This will be the model for youth environmental summits in the future. It will serve as a primer to make participants aware of threats to our State, our Shawnee National Forest, and our planet; and will focus on training people in how to be part of sustainable solutions to the environmental problems we face.

There will be nationally-known speakers, locally-based workshops, and field trips at Camp Ondessonk and in the surrounding area. Besides the phenomenal educational opportunity, **YES!** will include excellent meals, varied lodging options, evening entertainment, and a chance to network with other like-minded people who love the outdoors.

YOU MAY ATTEND FOR ONE DAY, TWO DAYS, OR THE ENTIRE WEEKEND

Please see

<https://www.heartwood.org/news/49/24th-annual-heartwood-forest-council-a-climate-of-extraction-may-23-26-2014-camp-ondessonk-southern-illinois>

for information about the event and

<https://www.heartwood.org/forest-council/schedule>

for the *amazing* schedule.

High school students and their parents or chaperones can all register for **YES!** at the Heartwood member rate; and they will all receive a 20% discount on lodging at Camp Ondessonk. There is a Work Exchange option to further reduce the cost. If cost is a hindrance, some scholarships are available. *We do not want lack of money to be a deterrent to any student who is serious about attending.*

For more information---and if you have any questions or concerns---please contact Sam Stearns, Public Education Coordinator for ***Friends of Bell Smith Springs***

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YES! will be enjoyable, entertaining, and educational.

Looking forward to meeting you there...

---Sam Stearns

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