

October 2025 Blog



This October, the YSC is excited to introduce something new: our monthly blog series. Each month, we'll share updates, stories, and how we have been impacting the LO community.

The Lake Oswego Youth Sustainability Collective (YSC) brings together students from across local high schools to educate and encourage the community to take collective action on climate and environmental issues impacting the Lake Oswego community. YSC leads projects that promote community service, ecological stewardship, and climate education. By amplifying youth voices and collaborating across schools, we hope to shift the local culture and policy toward long-term community responsibility and environmental resilience.



The YSC partnered with [Students Engaged in Eco-Defense \(SEED\)](#) to volunteer on the campus Bee Garden. Together, we planted native Oregon species like yarrow, goldenrod, and Oregon grape to create more habitat for pollinators like bees and butterflies. It was a rewarding way to connect with nature, and the Portland community in action!



YSC members Millie (left) and Lexi (right) expanding the L&C pollinator garden!



Upcoming Event Highlight

Join YSC at the Oswego Lake Watershed Council's annual [Urban Forest Summit](#), from 9 am – 12:30 pm at the Lake Oswego United Methodist Church, 1855 South Shore Blvd.

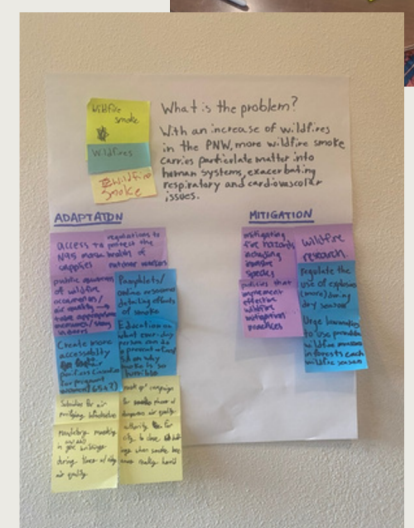
YSC members will be leading discussions as table leaders, so come support us and learn more about native oak species!



Future Climate Idea Lab

We partnered with [Future Climate Collective](#) to host a series of Idea Lab sessions, aiming to map out impactful climate projects for the 2025-2026 cycle.

In the first session, we focused on thinking broadly by sharing observations, and identifying key issues. It was exciting to see a wide range of ideas come to life. By the second session, we shifted into a more convergent phase, honing in on a few of the problems we had identified, like invasive species and wildfire smoke. It was very inspiring to see how the YSC's unique perspectives contributed to shaping projects that could truly impact our communities. We're excited to continue working with the Future Climate Collective throughout the year, turning these ideas into actionable projects that make a real difference. We can't wait to see where this work takes us next!



25-26 Cycle Leadership Team



Lexi Ye - Senior at Catlin Gabel School

Lexi is the founder of the Youth Sustainability Collective. She plans meetings, facilitates outreach, and manages the restoration project. She is a member of the Oswego Lake Watershed Council's Education & Outreach committee. In college, she is interested in pursuing interdisciplinary environmental studies. In her free time, Lexi enjoys baking, attending community events, and playing the viola.



Luna Flores - Senior at Catlin Gabel School

Luna is a core member of the Youth Sustainability Collective. She's been involved in environmental advocacy in the City of LO as a youth member on the Sustainability Advisory council and is a leader of Catlin Gabel's Environmental Action Team (EAT). Luna is planning on studying political science, environmental studies, and/or theater. In her free time, Luna enjoys participating in her school's theatrical productions, beating Portland area high schools in Mock Trial, and spending time in nature with friends.



Anders Erdenberger - Senior at Oregon Episcopal School

Anders has been involved in local advocacy through the LO Youth Leadership Council and Environmental Club at school. He is planning to study international relations in college, and enjoys creating art, spending time in nature, and learning French.



Millie Wollmuth - Senior at Lake Oswego High School

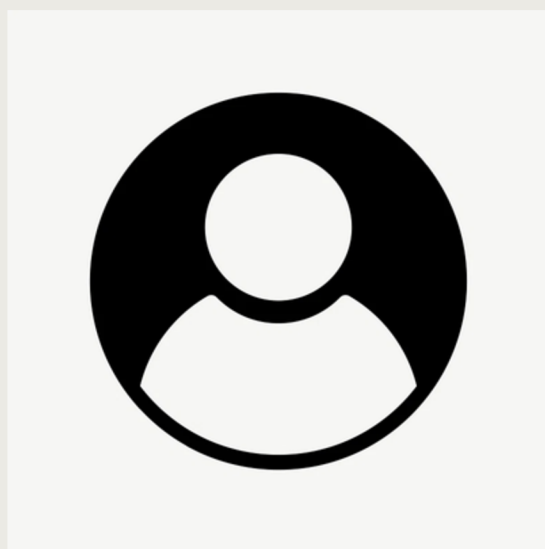
Millie is involved in local sustainability efforts as a member of Youth Sustainability Collective and the president of her school's environmental club, Green Team. She has worked on several projects in local advocacy and restoration, and is so excited to work more with the Youth Sustainability Council! She is planning to study environmental science, forestry, and/or zoology in college. In her free time, Millie enjoys baking, playing violin, birdwatching, hiking, and participating in her theatre's costume department.

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Rohan Sekar - Junior at Lake Oswego High School

Rohan is connected to local sustainability initiatives as the Vice President of the Lake Oswego High School Green Team and one of the current youth members of the LO Sustainability Advisory Board. As an issue, they are interested in the ecological impact of invasive and native species in particular. In their free time, they enjoy sewing, crafts, reading, and acting in theatre.



Julianna Cahill - Senior at Lakeridge High School

Julianna is President of the Lakeridge High School Green Team.

Interested in joining the YSC as a youth member? Fill out this [form](#) here.

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