Student Environmental Action Coalition

The Force
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THE guide to SEAC
for student and youth activists
What is SEAC?

SEAC is a grassroots coalition dedicated to building the power of young people organizing for environmental and social justice. We are the only national environmental coalition that is run entirely by students and youth, and our united effort is working to help protect our planet and our future. Throughout SEAC's 15 year history, thousands of youth have translated their concerns about the environment into action. SEACers use our network to strengthen their work on campus through information and training, and to organize campaigns which tackle issues in their communities and beyond.

SEAC MISSION STATEMENT

SEAC, pronounced "seek," is a student and youth run national network of progressive organizations and individuals whose aim is to uplift environmental injustices through action and education. We define the environment to include the physical, economic, political and cultural conditions in which we live. By challenging the power structure which threatens these environmental conditions, SEAC works to create progressive social change on both the local and global levels.

SEAC began in the fall of 1988 when students from the University of North Carolina placed a notice in Greenpeace Magazine asking to hear from other student environmentalists interested in forming a network to strengthen student environmental organizing. The response was overwhelming, with letters pouring in from across the country. Thus, a coalition was born! In the early 1990s, SEAC grew exponentially. Between 1989 and 1992, SEAC held three of the largest national conferences the student environmental movement has ever seen, including the Catalyst Conference which drew over 7,600 people. SEAC continued to grow throughout the 90's and our analysis of environmental issues deepened.

We realized that environmental problems—such as waste disposal, air pollution, and incineration—disproportionately affect low-income and people of color. SEAC saw the need for programs, organizing, and activism that addressed the issue of environmental justice. As a result, SEAC became the only student environmental organization to address the issues of racism, sexism, and heterosexism directly through its organizing efforts.

In 1997, SEAC moved its National Office to Philadelphia, in the heart of the student populations that span the Northeast corridor of the country. The current National Council—our student and youth board of directors—takes a proactive role in shaping policy for the organization and in developing its programs.

In the last decade we have also had many victories through our activism: hundreds of campuses have started recycling programs, support for the Mount Graham telescope project was stopped, forest stands have been spared from the chainsaw, incinerators have been halted in communities, and over 30 companies have pulled out of investments in Burma. Today, our members tackle issues ranging from land-use to international finance to environmental racism.

It is time to reinvigorate the youth environmental movement. There are hundreds of youth and student groups in all 50 states and Canada involved in the SEAC network. And we want you to get involved too!

We need your help to build a strong youth movement for environmental justice!
**SEAC Campaigns**

We believe that SEAC is what we make it. Each chapter is independent and works on issues of its choice. The National Office will never tell a SEAC chapter what to do. Usually it is the opposite - you tell us what to do to help you! Following are just some of SEAC's campaigns.

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**Tampaction**

The purpose of this campaign is to educate individuals about the dangerous bleaching of tampons and pads; this process leaves dioxin—a proven carcinogen—in the products as well as releasing it into the environment. This is not only a health issue but also an environmental and social justice issue. Get involved! Contact the office for tons of campaign resources and materials.

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**What's the Big Deal: Dioxins in Tampons**

The FDA's official response to the dioxin/ rayon/ tampon ordeal is meant to allay fear about dioxin by stating that the amount of dioxin in each tampon is so minuscule that we are to feel ridiculous and promiscuous for doubting their scientific prowess. They say, "...dioxin levels in the rayon raw materials for tampons are approximately 0.1 to 1 part per trillion. FDA's risk assessment indicates that this exposure...is considered negligible. A part per trillion is about the same as one teaspoon in a lake 15 ft. deep and a mile square."

When one does a bit more research into the subject, one is immediately immersed into the world of a group of chemicals so toxic that they can only be described in terms of femtograms, or quadrillionths of a gram. The EPA's "safe dose" per kilogram of body weight, per day, is 6.4 femtograms. They say that this dose will cause cancer in one in a million people, without mention of the other diseases that will occur. Assuming a person lives 70 years, due to bioaccumulation, the EPA recognizes 10.1 million femtograms as the "safe lifetime dose". How small is this? Imagine a grain of salt (100 billion femtograms) and divide it into 9,900 microscopic pieces. One of these microscopic pieces represents a "safe lifetime level" of dioxin.

Now does something sound wrong with the FDA's assurance? I hope so, since you have probably realized that one part per trillion is 1000 times more than the units in which dioxin is usually measured due to its highly potent nature. Further more different government agencies have their own take of the "safe dose" per day for each kilogram of body weight. The CDC says 27.6 femtograms are acceptable and the FDA believes 57.2 femtograms are acceptable. This is a very big deal.

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**Militarism and Environmental Destruction**

**The military is the largest generator of hazardous waste in the United States.**

Warfare in the modern era predominantly affects civilian populations rather than opposing military forces and results in environmental destruction of such a degree that it has been described as "ecological holocaust." With the advent of nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons, it is clear that no one is immune to these concerns.

**Virtually all of the world's 35 nuclear bomb test sites, as well as most uranium mines and radioactive dumps, occupy Native lands.** The DOD is the largest single user of trichloroethylene and of CFCs, as well as the largest purchaser of oil, paper, many precious metals, and a host of other resources. The military has generated more toxics annually than the five top chemical companies combined for the last several years. (http://www.ccej.org)

And yet war is not just an event. Even in so-called times of peace, the physical preparations for war, the diversion of resources from civilian needs, and the militaristic values that pervade our society incure a violent toll upon the Earth and its people. This "peaceetime" violence is inflicted upon communities around the world by the very governments and militaries that are charged with protecting us.

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**Bioaccumulation and you**

The most dangerous property of dioxins is that they are stored in the fat cells of your body, where they accumulate and have no way of leaving with the exception of breast feeding and pregnancy. Every time you use a chlorinated bleached, less-than-100% cotton tampon, you are indeed placing 100 to 1000 femtograms of dioxins into one of the most sensitive areas in your body. In December 1999, two scientists in the Department of Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology at Virginia Tech showed how dioxin killed immune cells in a process called apoptosis. "In this process the cells commit suicide by destroying their own DNA," explains Prakash Nagarattti, one of the co-researchers. The two scientists have raised issues about how dioxins can suppress the immune system even at levels so low that there is no effect on organ toxicity.

**Reproductive health and dioxin**

Because dioxins bioaccumulate and are also endocrine disrupters, a large variety of reproductive disorders in men have occurred as world industry and its toxic by-products increase. In the past 50 years, the incidence of testicular cancer has tripled and prostate cancer has doubled among men in industrialized countries. More alarming is the 50% reduction in sperm count over the past 50 years. So it is quite obvious that this is a very big problem that needs to be fought on all fronts.

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**Help us:**

- Resist military toxics. Communities around the world are experiencing a decreased quality of life as a result of the destructive and polluting activities of the world’s militaries. We must make military institutions accountable to the same environmental protection, worker safety, and public health laws as other institutions. SEAC is monitoring legislation that affects military toxics issues and is working to connect with grassroots struggles against military toxics.
- End the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. ALL nations of the world must come into compliance with the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and embrace an international framework for the immediate dismantling of all weapons of mass destruction. SEAC is opposing the "nuclear revival" taking place in our nation and throughout the world and pressuring our government to make real strides towards disarmament. Let’s put discussion of nuclear weapons issues back on the national agenda through endorsing the "Urgent Call to End Nuclear Danger" (http://www.urgentcall.org/) and taking part in direct action in communities where nuclear weapons are being researched, produced, tested, and stored.

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Even More SEAC Campaigns

YOUTH POWER SHIFT is a grassroots campaign to cut greenhouse gas emissions at the local, state, and national level while emphasizing an environmental justice analysis, building grassroots democracy, and empowering youth to take leadership on issues of concern to them.

By asking our schools and other institutions to commit to the Kyoto Protocol standards for greenhouse gas emission reduction, we both achieve local reductions and send a message to our national government asking for action NOW in defense of our climate and our communities!

Get Involved!

**WRITE A GRASSROOTS TESTIMONY of your experience running a clean energy campaign on campus and email it to josh@seac.org

**Print out several copies of the Youth Power Shift outreach flyer from the website and distribute them

**Email web links, contacts for key people, energy campaign guides, and any other useful resources to kn@seac.org so we can pick through it and send it out to our webteam, materials crew, outreach squad, and other working groups to turn into quality materials for action.

**Join SEAC!!!

Share resources, inspiration, and take collective action for positive change!

Email Networking List: www.seac.org/seacnet - join “SEAC-CLIMATE”

Website: http://www.seac.org/energy

Contact Email: youthpowershift@seac.org Phone: 215-222-4711 (Josh or Tricia)

Get Involved with the Mobilization to Stop the Free Trade Area of the Americas

Designed to be the most far-reaching agreement in the world, the FTAA is an expansion of the disastrous North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) which went into effect in 1994. Like NAFTA the FTAA’s objective is to remove trade barriers between countries and promote privatization. A brief look at some of NAFTA’s results, gives clear insight into what awaits the 800 million people implicated if the FTAA passes:

**It’s estimated that over a million US manufacturing jobs have been lost since NAFTA as companies relocated to Mexico to take advantage of $5 per day wages for Mexican workers.

*The percentage of Mexicans living in poverty has grown since the passage of NAFTA.

*By promoting an export driven-model, NAFTA has accelerated environmental destruction. For example 15 US wood product companies set up operations in

What can you do to stop the FTAA?!?!

*Get “No to the the FTAA” ballots signed

*Organize teach-ins on your campus or in your community about the dangers of free trade

*Go down to Miami for the mass mobilization November 19-21 as trade ministers from all 134 countries involved with the negotiations meet

*Or organize a solidarity protest in your community if you can’t make it down to Miami

For more information or to get involved:

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outreach@seac.org

There’s a free trade listserv!!
Go to www.seac.org/seacnet to subscribe
Choose “seac-wto”

Resources:
Stop FTAA
www.stopftaa.org

Citizen’s Trade Campaign
www.citizenstrade.org/ftaa

Focus on the Global South
www.focusweb.org

Third World Network
www.twinside.org/sg

Global Exchange
www.globalexchange.org
Join SEAC

In the simplest representation of our organizing model, there are two interdependent, interconnected aspects of SEAC: a movement and an organization. The movement is the sum of the work of thousands of student and youth groups on campuses and in communities around the country. It is completely decentralized and flexible. The organization is an evolving nonprofit cooperative, controlled by the local groups, with the intent of helping and strengthening the movement.

Like everything that is SEAC, the money that flows through our network will ideally come primarily from efforts at the grassroots. The more we are sustained by people working locally, the more accountable we are to our constituency and the less accountable we have to be to large bureaucratic institutions. In spite of a small budget and a strong reliance on volunteer work, SEAC has accomplished great things already. Imagine what we could do if everyone involved traded one trip to the movies for a contribution to SEAC!

Your contribution allows SEAC to publish our movement magazine, Threshold and other materials, to hire organizers and maintain the office, to develop new materials, and to increase the resources available to our movement. So please

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Anti-Oppression & SEAC Caucuses

Of particular concern to SEAC are how factors such as race, gender, and class affect not only the injustices that occur throughout the world, but also our organization and its programs. SEAC created caucuses to address the oppression of minority and marginalized groups, within society and often even within social movements.

SEAC has four caucuses: a People of Color Caucus, a Woman’s Caucus, a Queer Caucus, and a Working Class Caucus. These provide oppressed youth with the opportunity to claim leadership within SEAC and the environmental movement. Caucuses substantially increase the levels of equity and power people possess in the quest for environmental and social justice.

Additionally, half of our National Council, our elected board, is reserved for people of color, and SEAC Programs are targeted at addressing the links between environmental and social justice issues. At conferences and events the caucuses have the power to call a meeting at any time to address any racism, sexism, heterosexism, or classism that needs to be dealt with. The caucuses were created by their constituencies in order to provide a safe space for dealing with such issues. They are an integral part of SEAC’s work to combat oppression and challenge the power structures that are destroying people and the environment alike.

Central to fighting all forms of oppression is recognizing that they aren’t just issues for oppressed peoples to fight. Think about it: Would it be possible to end racism if white people weren’t involved in the struggle and challenging other white people to do the same? Wouldn’t it be pretty hard to fight sexism if men weren’t committed to the effort? What if straight people didn’t speak out against heterosexism and homophobia or people with class privilege didn’t join the fight for economic justice? For this reason, SEAC has Alternative Groups that correspond to each of its caucuses. The purpose of an Alternative Group is for its members to discuss the role that they play in both perpetuating oppression - sexism, racism, heterosexism, or classism - and ending it.

Caucuses aren’t just something that apply to SEAC National. If you would like to see your local group start caucuses, we’d be happy to help you with advice, materials, and resources! Working against oppression with your local group is no simple task. It’s important that everyone in the group understands the importance of fighting oppression and how that connects to ecological issues. Confronting oppression isn’t always fun or comfortable. The important thing to remember is to be patient and stay dedicated. Challenge people to see the effects that oppression has on their own lives and on the lives of others.

Each caucus and alternative group has a listserv you are welcome to join if you self-identify as a member of that caucus. You can join these listservs with ease at www.seac.org/seacnet/
The Information Clearinghouse

The Clearinghouse is your source for fact sheets, guides, books, merchandise, and materials for environmental and social justice organizing. If you don’t find the information you are looking for, give us a call and we may be able to help you find the right source.

SEAC BOOKS

(Member price/Non-member price)

**SEAC Organizing Guide $5/$7**

A massive revision of SEAC’s original 1991 organizing guide, this 104 page (5.5*8.5 size pages) manual is a great tool for beginners and experienced activists alike. Covers nearly all angles of student organizing, including starting or reviving a group, group structure, effective meetings, issues, strategy, tactics, an anti-oppression analysis, a lengthy resource list and much more. Well illustrated and slick looking. Useful for non-environmental organizing too. An unbeatable organizing value. Last updated in October 2002.

**Campus Ecology $10/$15**

A complete guide to evaluating and auditing the environmental impact of your campus. Raises key questions, suggests resources, and offers concrete steps for change. A vital guide for any group serious about transforming their campus.

**High School Organizing Guide $5/$10**

Written by high school students for high school students. This guide covers everything a high school group needs to get started and stay strong. Includes campaign ideas and many practical tips for organizing.

**SEAC Coordinators Guide**

Interested in building a strong state or regional network of activists in your area? This guide represents the accumulated knowledge of years worth of SEAC regional organizing and can be a significant boost to your efforts. Contact us for your free copy of this guide.

**Conference Organizing Guide**

A hands-on guide to bringing together oodles of awesome environmental and social justice-minded youth. This guide provides the nuts and bolts of conference organizing from beginning to end, and can be an invaluable resource to your efforts. Contact us for a free copy of this guide.

**Other Books**

As part of our educational activities, SEAC looks to help educate its members about various issues - from environmental to social justice issues. So we offer books which we think are great reading material! We try to offer these at significant discounts for our members to encourage you to read them!

**Fundraising for Social Change, Kim Klein**

Everything you’ll need to know about grassroots fundraising. One of the most important activities for organizers in the modern age!


Collection of 73 essays, speeches, sermons, and letters, full of hidden histories, crisp analyses, and thoughtful responses to corporate apologists and acclamationists.

**Another World is Possible: Conversations in a Time of Terror**

A living document designed to give voice to diverse perspectives attempting to find a language that evokes love, compassion, and critical thought in the face of September 11th.

**No More Prisons, William Upski Wimsatt**

The prison industry has quadrupled in the last 20 years, and a record 2 million people are now locked behind bars. What does this say about us? Read this book for strategies and straight-talk about life.

Educate Yourself: Order Books Now
Fill out the order form on page 12

**Merchandise**

Music CDs

- We Just Want the World
- Live at Club Passim
- Living in These Times
- Hang a Flag in the Window

**SEAC Buttons and Pins**

SEAC Logo in black on white background. 1.75 inches.

**Sampler Pack of of Threshold**

You get a sampler pack of 5 back issues of Threshold, a magazine produced by and for youth environmental activists. Order multiple packs and get different issues. Limited quantities so get them today!
Membership Form

Membership Benefits

* Threshold (1 year subscription)
* Multiple copies of Threshold (groups)
* Discounts for SEAC conference registration
* Free guides and factsheets (groups)
* Free SEAC Organizing Guide
* Full voting rights in SEAC (individual members)
* Discounts on Purchases (individual members)
* Help with organizing

Name / Group Name (please spell out acronyms)

Acronym

School

School Address / Group Address

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Email / Group Email

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Permanent Address (Parent’s/Home/Summer - whatever is most permanent)

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Group Type (if applicable): High School:________ Community College:________

University:________ Other:________

Main Contact Person School Address:

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School Email

Group Membership Rates

$60-$84 Small groups

$85-$124 Groups with regular funding

$125+ Groups with significant school funding

Individual Membership Rates

$25 ☐ Student/Youth ☐ $40-$100 ☐ Sponsor

$35 ☐ Alumni ☐ $100-$500 ☐ Friend

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Philadelphia, PA 19104

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Membership:

Remember you can only qualify for the member prices if you are a dues-paying SEAC member or a member of a dues-paying SEAC group. If you are not a SEAC member then please join now to receive all the membership benefits. Just circle a membership choice below.

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Important: Make all checks payable to “Tides Center / SEAC”
Represent on the National Council!

What Is the National Council and What Does It Mean to be a National Council Representative?
The National Council (NC) is the board of SEAC. It makes all of the major decisions within SEAC at the national level. These decisions are made either at NC meetings, which are held twice a year (Winter and Summer) at various locations around the country, or on monthly online chats or conference calls. The National Council is comprised of National Council Representatives. NC reps are elected positions from within your local group. Every current SEAC member group has the opportunity to directly elect up to two representatives from their group to sit on SEAC’s National Council. The National Council Coordinator (NCC) is the Chair of the Council and the official spokesperson of SEAC. The NCC is the main liaison between the National Council and the National staff. The NC is elected by the NC for a one year term primarily to coordinate and organize the National Council. NC reps should be dedicated to SEAC and to the movement for environmental justice. Accepting this position will help you gain leadership skills that will enable you to better network with people in your group and region and within SEAC National. In order to harness the power of a decentralized network of individuals with a diversity of perspectives and skills, SEAC needs an active National Council and involved local groups. That’s where you come in.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES OF A NATIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:
* NC MEETINGS- We encourage all reps to attend both NC meetings, one in Summer and the other in Winter. Reps should also participate in monthly conference calls or online chats with the National Council.
* WORKING COMMITTEES- Another main responsibility of an NC rep is being involved in and helping to recruit others for SEAC’s Working Committees (WCs). WCs are how tasks get accomplished within SEAC National between NC meetings. We suggest you join a working committee that complements your interests or passions and that you can bring a unique perspective or skills to.
* GRASSROOTS COMMUNICATION- NC reps should serve as a liaison between his/her local group and SEAC National, communicating important information both ways. This can be as simple as forwarding parts of emails to your group’s listserve, writing periodic updates of SEAC National’s activities for your members, and recruiting new volunteers for SEAC’s Working Committees and campaigns.
* THE NC LISTSERVE- As a NC rep you should be active on the NC e-mail listserve where you can stay connected with other NC reps around the country and the national office. The listserve is a resource for NC reps to get updates, share information, report what your group is doing and communicate about important decisions.
* REGIONAL ORGANIZING- Keep in contact with regional and state coordinators, as well as other NC reps, the NCC, and the National Office, so that you can help to build a strong regional network of youth activism.
* CONTINUITY- Help elect new NC reps when your term is over and train them in their responsibilities.

Like so many other aspects of SEAC, representing your group in the National Council has the potential to provide you and SEAC with completely reciprocal benefits. In addition to the skills and knowledge you will bring to SEAC, you will have oodles of opportunities to bring new ideas and strategies back to your group.

SEAC’s National Council is Our Main Decision-Making Body

The National Council (NC) is made up of one to two reps from every SEAC member group, and is responsible for all of the major decisions that SEAC makes, from deciding upon our national campaigns and strategies, to overseeing the National Office staff. The NC meets once per month via conference calls and online chats, and twice a year in person (once in Summer and once in Winter).

Why Would You Want to Be a National Council Representative?
The simple answer is because you love SEAC and want to be involved in strengthening the youth movement for environmental and social justice. We all want to be active in our local grassroots groups, but having a strong national organization to complement our work at the local level is also a powerful resource. Unlike many organizations that “work with young people,” SEAC is run by and directly accountable to youth. While we have many “adult” allies, we think that young people represent a marginalized group in our society, and as such, must learn how to organize ourselves in organizations and movements where we have a say. But this lofty idea also implies great responsibility. In SEAC there is no hidden wizard behind the movie screen—everything we do, from our magazine to our webpage to our awesome campaigns and grassroots organizing is designed and implemented by young folks just like you. Even more importantly, all the decisions that are made within SEAC are made by our National Council.

Be Part of a Movement That’s Grassroots and Youth Run!

For More Information email Kate Zaidan at ncc@seac.org
Who makes the decisions in SEAC?

Within SEAC the country is divided into regions. Each region establishes its own decision-making process and structure. SEAC national provides suggested working models for regions to use in setting up their governance structure.

The national organization has a distinct structure which we believe is fair and democratic yet efficient for getting things done. The main decision-making group with ultimate authority over SEAC is the National Council (NC). It operates like a board of directors and meets twice yearly. The NC is made up of 1-2 representatives from each of SEAC’s member groups: one elected by the group at large and one elected by the People of Color within each group. National Council meetings are open and everyone is encouraged to come. The National Council Coordinator (NCC) is elected by the NC once a year and works to ensure that SEAC is functioning properly.

Under the NC are Working Committees (WCs) which manage the functions of the organization between NC meetings. Working Committees were created to ensure the completion of certain organizational tasks between National Council meetings. The Working Committee Coordinators (WCC) oversees and coordinates these committees. Below is a list of the committees in effect as of Autumn 2003. Some of these committees need to be energized, others are already well-established. But we are always in need of more people to help develop ideas and share the workload. Serving on a SEAC Working Committee is a great way to get experience with running a non-profit activist organization!

Contact emails if you want to get involved or find out more about a particular Working Committee:

**National Council Coordinator (NCC)**
Kate Zaidan ncc@seac.org 215-222-4711 (SEAC Office)
Materials material@seac.org

Anti-Oppression Committee antioppression@seac.org
Threshold Committee thresholded@seac.org
Funding Committee fundraise@seac.org
Grants Team grants@seac.org

**Working Committee Co-Coordinators (WCC)**
Pam Kattner (pamelajane632@yahoo.com)
Bob Poeschl (carpepax@riseup.net)
Web Team seacweb@seac.org
National SEAC Events nmtpe@seac.org
SEAC Coordinators/Outreach seac-coord@seac.org

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**The Activist’s Calendar**

**Date/Time** | **Event** | **Contact** | **Location** | **Details**
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Sept 6-Nov 9 | Circle of Life’s “We the Planet” Tour | win@circleoflife.org | coast to coast | coast to coast
Nov 7-9 | SEAC Northeast Regional Conference | nesec@seac.org | Wesleyan Un., CT | Wesleyan University, CT
Nov 7-9 | National Student Animal Rights Conf | info@defendanimals.org | American University, DC | American University, DC
Nov 8-9 | GET UP! Grassroots Educational Training | www.medierform.net/conference | Madison, WI | Madison, WI
Nov 16 | Grassroots Climate Protection Conference | cooardinators@gupucconference.org | Bloomington, IN | Bloomington, IN
Nov 19-21, ‘03 | Southeast Uprising: Stop the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas (FTAA) | CambClimAct@aol.com | Tufts Un., MA | Tufts University, MA
Nov 21-23, ’03 | 5th Annual Youth & College Leadership Summit | youthsummit@nllc.org | Miami, FL | Miami, FL
Nov 22-23, ’03 | Southeast Uprising: Shut Down the School of the Americas | | Baltimore, MD | Baltimore, MD
Jan 24-25 | National Conf. on Organized Resistance | ncor@mutualaid.org | Ft. Benning, GA | Ft. Benning, GA
Feb 20-22 | Illinois SEAC Conference | seac@pabn.org | American Un., DC | American University, DC

**For more details and additional events go to http://www.seac.org/events/index.shtml**

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**SEAC National Intern Opportunities**

Are you more than just interested in environmental issues? Do you commit much of your time and energy into work for the environment? Do you have a burning drive to make the world a better place to live? Most importantly: Are you looking for a kick-ass, no-holds-barred internship or job? Look no further! Intern at the office or become a more permanent part of the SEAC Office Collective.

**We’re currently looking for folks to help with the following things:**

- **Nonprofit Management**
- **Outreach Coordination**
- **Funding Coordination**
- **Outside the office: Area, State, and Regional Coordinators, Conference Organizers, Materials Development, Campaign Coordination, Working Committees**

**Qualifications**

- Responsible, efficient, communicative and organized
- Good interpersonal communication skills
- Determined and detail-oriented
- Experience with campus or community activism
- Experience with accounting, website development, and fundraising a plus, but not required

**Logistics**

- Accepting applications for Autumn 2003 and Spring 2004

If you need an internship or work-study for your scholarship or school program, you’re reading the right ad! There is a strong preference for applicants that are familiar with SEAC. SEAC also strongly encourages women, people of color, low income folks, transgendered people, and other sexual minorities to apply.

For more info check out [www.seac.org/involved/volunteer.shtml](http://www.seac.org/involved/volunteer.shtml)

Interested? Think this sounds perfect for you but are intimidated by how official we seem? Never fear—email ncc@seac.org and talk with our National Council Coordinator, Kate. She’ll give you the lowdown on interning with SEAC.
Tired of boring magazines? Write your own!

SEAC’s magazine — THRESHOLD — is YOUR magazine, and it needs a good dose of your lovin’.

Your Threshold staff is now accepting submissions...

Send us your articles, campaign updates, regional/school updates, (please! please! please!) fiction, non-fiction, photos, art, caucus columns (womyn, people of color, low income, and queer issues), calendar events, survival and do-it-yourself tips, recipes, sheet music, haikus, cartoons, love letters (but no reminiscing of failed romances allowed, thank you very much), and confessions of your eternal devotion to SEAC.

We are also accepting paid advertisements! And donations! (We'll take food donations, too. Your Threshold staff likes to eat, but paper, even with salt, doesn't cut it).

Send your submissions, questions, or donations to:

Threshold
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Organize Your Region!!!

If we do not change our direction, we are likely to end up where we are headed.

-Ancient Chinese proverb

psst: YOU can change our direction by becoming a SEAC Coordinator!

SEAC currently needs energetic folks to be coordinators in many areas, states and regions!

What does a SEAC Coordinator or Coordinating Group do?

Organize events and campaigns in your region

Outreach to other groups for campaigns and conferences

Keep in touch with SEAC National and the SEAC network

Fundraise!

You fill in the rest...

SEAC can provide you with the training you will need, and we can help you get academic or work-study credit through your school.

Coordinating your region is also an excellent way of learning the nuts-and-bolts skills that all activists need!

Wise words of the Cat in the Hat: If you want to see things change, then you have to step up to the challenge...

Get in touch with SEAC today and we'll get you rolling!

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Don't know what to do organizing-wise this semester or next? Want to get involved with a variety of different issues and meet a zillion cool, devoted youth activists? All revved up with no place to go?

Organize a conference in your region!

SEAC needs hosts for regional conferences, which means that SEAC needs YOU! (Now doesn’t that make you feel special?) And trust us, NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. As long as you’ve got some get-go, you have the potential to be a top-notch conference organizer!

So what is a SEAC regional conference, anyway?

SEAC regional conferences (RCs) facilitate the growing local energy of the youth movement for environmental and social justice. RCs are brilliant opportunities for issue education, skills training, community building, and networking with other activists. More than anything, though, RCs are what you choose to make them—and generally, they are oodles of fun!

But what could be more fun than attending a Regional Conference?

HOSTING ONE! RC organizing is a great way to pull your group together and build a strong network of people in your group/region. Just like eating spinach, RC organizing builds your group’s activist muscles—you’ll gain confidence and know-how from seeing this concrete endeavor turn into concrete results.

This is starting to sound exciting, but how much work is involved?

RC organizing takes a hearty dose of energy, but it energizes in return, especially with a committed planning crew and a look-ahead attitude. Things you’ll want to consider will be: housing and facilities, outreach, food, funding, action planning, workshop topics, and presenters.

Does my group have to do it alone?

Heck no! We encourage you to involve other local groups and to remember how much the SEAC National office loves you. We’re rarin’ to help you organize an RC, and we can be particularly helpful by providing an RC organizing guide, all the speakers you could dream of, local contacts, free advertising, and good ol’ fashioned advice!

Alrighty, sounds like fun! How do I get started?

First, consult with your group and get a solid commitment from a handful of folks to help out—3, 4, 7, 20, the more the merrier! Then give a ring to SEAC National Office at 215.222.4711 or email us at seac@seac.org so we can put you on the calendar and start you down that yellow brick road towards your very own SEAC regional conference.

We're waiting for your call!
(Actually, we're also doing loads of other things but we do like to answer phones and we get really pumped about RCs.)
high school network

We, the high school students of the world, have been born into a society almost completely ignorant of the damages it has inflicted upon mother nature and itself. Deforestation threatens to cut off the world's air supply and leave millions of plants, animals, insects, and nations of indigenous people's homeless; global warming awaits to upset the entire climate system; and corporations blatantly exhibit racism by targeting communities of color to "host" incinerators, toxic waste dumps, landfills, and other unwanted disposal facilities. This generation will have to make the most critical decisions concerning the future of this planet and society -- whether it be good or bad, right or wrong.

Mission Statement:
The SEAC high school network strives to be a diverse network of high school youth that will commit to strong words and actions to destroy the barriers of hatred against all peoples and our environment. Furthermore, the SEAC high school network will fight for the empowerment and unification of all high school youth to provide a foundation upon which a national network can be maintained and developed.

Now is NOT the time for us to cry about the problems already created, now is NOT the time for us to be apathetic, and now is NOT the time to allow those global and societal problems to become completely out of control. Now IS the time to take our futures in our own hands and send a message to our elders that we want and deserve better than what we've inherited.

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For more information or to get involved:
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There's a high school listserv!! Subscribe at www.seac.org/seacnet

MISSION:
Across the country youth and students are standing up and fighting back, for their planet & their communities. This gathering seeks to empower grassroots organizers by supplying the tools to create lasting social change. We need to equip ourselves with the gear to dismantle systems of oppression and construct a world rooted in justice.

Contact Us
Looking for more information about Northeast SEAC? Interested in getting more involved? Need advice about grassroots organizing? Have questions about the conference?

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