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IS A VISION FOR OUR STATE AND NATION

Significance

The *ReEnergize Texas Summit* will be the largest gathering of Texas youth around the issue of climate change. It is being organized by and for students. The *ReEnergize Texas Summit* is action focused and results oriented. Young people will walk away from *ReEnergize Texas Summit* with the tools, networks and resources which they will utilize to create change in their communities. *Re-Energize Texas 2009* is a collaborative effort that will unite not only a diverse body of young people, but a diverse coalition of partners, organizations, and supporters.

The ReEnergize Texas Summit will:

- **Empower, engage** and **inspire** 500 young people in Texas to take action on global warming with trainings, speakers and a coordinated lobby day.
- **Strengthen** the movement for real climate solutions, in a coordinated and effective manner.
- **Connect** youth with local community leaders and strengthen bonds between the youth climate movement and the environmental justice movement.
- **Unify** the youth climate movement with one voice and one vision for shifting our nation into a new energy future.
- **Elevate** the prophetic and morally compelling voices of America's youth into the national debate about global warming and our energy future.
- **Frame** the global warming and energy debate as an opportunity to strengthen our economy and reestablish our state and our nation as global leaders in technology and energy production.

Conference Agenda and Conference Components

- **Keynotes:** Attendees will be energized by leaders of the climate movement such as Reverend Lennox Yearwood and Mark Ewall, as well as leaders from Texas such as Arlington Mayor Robert Cluck, State Legislator Kirk Watson, and Texas businessman Trammel Crow, Jr. (*all invited*)
- **Workshops and Trainings:** Conference attendees will learn best practices for organizing from Sierra Student Coalition trainers and others, including: campaign and event planning, recruitment, communications and media, lobbying, leadership development, coalition-building, and meeting with decision-makers.
- **Speakers:** Diverse speakers will enlighten youth about the connections between climate and faith, job creation, global health care, and many more presentations that will help build our movement and add new perspectives.
- **Regional Breakouts:** After splitting into geographically-based groups, youth will identify upcoming regional opportunities to realize tangible progress and plan coordinated campaigns and events. These will help establish networks in centers like Houston, Dallas, and Central Texas.
- **Rally to ReEnergize:** Administrators from leading universities will tout their transitions towards climate neutrality and demonstrate the capacity of youth to create meaningful change.
- **30th Anniversary of 3 Mile Island:** Youth will learn about the issues surrounding nuclear power and uranium mining at a film screening party. At the event we will also provide youth with toolkits and resources to host film series on their own campuses.
- **Youth Climate Digital Video:** A central component of the lead up into and for the documentation of the conference, digital media trained youth will record their individual and shared stories to a broader audience.
- **Texas Lobby Day:** Students will have a day to meet their legislators and take the message of a clean energy economy to the Texas Capitol. Our goal is to have meetings between constituents and legislators representing half of the 150 House Districts in Texas.
- **Art, Music, and Poetry:** The conference will feature cultural components as well, allowing students to connect to the issue in vivid and inspiring ways.

