

Greetings!!!

We would like to invite you to work with us on an exciting new project.

The Flathead Youth Food Summit (Stand Up, Dig In) will be the first of its kind in our region – and will bring together 60 to 100 students and other youth leaders from across the Flathead Valley to share strategies, create action plans/local projects, and develop a youth network dedicated to providing nutritious and locally produced food for themselves and their communities – including families in need. The gathering will be open to all youth who are interested, as well as youth leaders and teachers from around the Flathead Valley.

In late winter/early spring of 2010 these students will gather at FVCC to engage in a two day summit focused on food system education & action plan development. Flathead Valley Community College has graciously offered to host this event.

Goals of the Youth Summit:

The Youth Food Summit (Stand Up – Dig In), will create an opportunity for Flathead Valley youth to come together to:

- learn about the current food system
- create and inspire local projects and activities that support access to healthy foods that truly nourish people, communities, and the earth
- begin to develop leadership skills and organizational capacity to become agents of social change

Empowering youth to become involved in the expansion of community gardens, summer feeding programs, farmer's markets and local food production will accomplish more than simply providing a summer activity to keep youth busy – it provides a hands-on and sustainable opportunity to inspire leadership and investment in their communities and in their future.

We are having a planning meeting for the Youth Food Summit on Monday, Nov 23rd. The meeting is at FVCC @ 6-8 pm in the Arts & Technology building... room AT 144B. This is downstairs.

This will be a working meeting. We will start with an introduction/history of GRASP (Growing Resources And Sustaining People) and an explanation of what the Youth Food Summit might look like. We will then talk about the work that needs to be done to pull off this project. We hope to break into smaller groups to come up with action plans and commitments from people to help get the work done.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact one of our "executive committee" members:

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