Climate Action Festival
Bucknell University, October 14-17

Description:
The Climate Action Festival is a four day event hosted by the Bucknell Environmental Club and Bucknell Environmental Center. Both groups want to draw attention to the environmental and social repercussions associated with climate change.

The festival is in accordance with Bill McKibben’s “350” project (350.org). McKibben’s organization is named 350 for 350 parts per million (ppm), the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere over which will have detrimental impacts on the environment.

Our festival has three primary goals; to:
1) Educate Bucknell students about climate change;
2) Serve as a catalyst for change for individuals to become more environmentally sustainable;
3) Connect with other environmental associations, such as peer school students and local community groups to form an alliance.

Timeline
October 14 (Wednesday)
- Outdoor documentary, Earth, playing in the science quad. Bring your own blanket! (8pm)
  - Refreshments (hot chocolate, hot cider, cookies, etc.) provided
- Kick-Off Dinner in the Cafeteria with local food night and Dining Services’ green initiatives spotlighted
  - Bike powering blender to make smoothies in cafeteria during lunch and dinner hours
    (Blender that is powered by a bike, made by Bucknell students.)

October 15 (Thursday)
- Keynote speaker, Michael Dorsey, professor of Environmental Studies at Dartmouth College and recipient of a Ford Foundation grant. His lecture will focus on Climate Justice and the social and environmental inequalities associated with climate change policy (7pm in the LC Forum)
  - Reception to follow in Arches Lounge
- Students from neighboring schools speak to Bucknell classes about their campus sustainability initiatives (Throughout the day)

October 16 (Friday)
- Bike-blender and smoothies (outside LC from 4-6pm)
- Bucknell Climate Action Plan discussion with panel, open to local and Bucknell community Members (12pm in LC Forum)
Reception to follow in Walls Lounge
-“Eat Your Greens”- Sustainability Celebration (faculty, students and community members “mixer”): including informal discussions on research and climate related issues. Food from local and sustainable businesses (4-6:30 in Arches Lounge)
-Open-house tour and reception at Bucknell’s new Sustainable Cooperative house (Taylor House at 7pm)
-Students from neighboring schools speak to Bucknell classes about their campus sustainability initiatives *(Throughout the day)*

**October 17 (Saturday)**
-Outdoor events with visiting students
  -Working at local farm, kayaking on the Susquehanna, and hiking (option for students to pick from)

**Throughout the Week:**
-We will be hosting visual demonstrations on the uphill L.C. that will include Bucknell-specific statistics on how much paper we use, energy we consume, and resources we waste.
-We will also be working on a bottled water campaign and have students participate in a tap-water/bottled-water blind taste challenge.
-Photo petition for climate bill legislation
-We are encouraging students to participate in the above events through a “passport challenge” where students can attend events or perform eco-friendly habits and receive a stamp on their “passport.” Completed passports will be in a drawing for a bike.

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