Preservation organizations around the nation are hosting Youth Summits that engage and inspire students to become the next leaders in historic preservation.

Join with partners to host Youth Summits in your community.

Learn all about Youth Summits and find out how to plan yours at the National Park Service Youth Summits website:

www.nps.gov/nr/twhp/youthsummits/introduction.html
Youth Summits

• Provide exciting, on-site, interactive learning experiences for students and professionals

• Encourage students to participate in historic preservation, conservation, and heritage tourism issues and activities

• Help students develop the interest and skills to become stewards of community history and historic places

• Help young people grow into citizens who will help shape policy at the local, state, and national levels

Students present at the Connecting Cultures Youth Summit in WA state

(Photo by Beth Boland)
Teaching with Historic Places

• **NPS Teaching with Historic Places** hosts a website for resources and information about Youth Summits in historic preservation.
An Introduction to Youth Summits and Why YOU Should Do It!

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This website offers a step-by-step how-to guide for people and institutions interested in organizing their own Youth Summits, resources for planning summits, sample agendas, and other information.

(NPS Youth Summits website)
Examples of Youth Summits

- Youth Summit agenda from the Parker County, Colorado, Youth Summit
- Welcome packet for a Colorado Preserves America Youth Summit, Southern Roden: Crossroads of Culture Youth Summit (opens as a pdf)
- Advertisement for a Colorado Preserves America Youth Summit, Expanding Connections Southwest American Landscapes in Mesa Verde Country (opens as a pdf)
- Summary and objectives for a Colorado Preserves America Youth Summit, Presentation 111, January 2014, an presentation during a large-scale event (pdf)
- Welcome packet for a Colorado Preserves America Youth Summit, Presentation 111, January 2014 (pdf)
- Preview Washington, Youth Heritage Project (website)
- Welcome packet for a Colorado Preserves America Youth Summit, Connecting Cultures, Washington State Youth Summit (pdf)
- Welcome packet for an Indiana Preservation Youth Summit, Southern Indiana’s Underground Railroad Sites, October 2013 (pdf)

(NPS Youth Summits website)

Students at the Connecting Cultures Youth Summit in WA state
Expanding Connections: Southwest Ancestral Landscapes in Mesa Verde Country

The Colorado Preserve America Youth Summits provide engaging on-site interactive learning experiences for students, teachers and service leaders by involving them in study of local history, historic preservation, cultural conservation and heritage tourism issues that fosters leadership and motivates community efforts. Participants selected through a competitive application process are offered community service hours and full scholarships for all program costs, including meals, transportation and lodging.

(Colorado Youth Summit example)
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INDIANA PRESERVATION
YOUTH SUMMIT

Southern Indiana’s Underground Railroad Stories
October 4-6, 2013
New Albany, Jeffersonville & Madison, Indiana

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Study Themes & Questions

PRESERVING A STORY THAT’S MISSING FROM THE LANDSCAPE: HIDDEN IN PLAIN VIEW

MAIN QUESTIONS
1. If the buildings and evidence of important events in our past disappear, how should we help tell their story to others?
2. What challenges do you see in preserving historic buildings, landscapes, artifacts and stories associated with the Underground Railroad?
3. How can you get more youth involved in preserving and interpreting historic sites?
4. Why is saving and sharing stories and historic places important to our future as a country?
Thank You

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