



Ohio Student Environmental Coalition

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-- SPOTLIGHT :: SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES --

[POWER SHIFT 08 -- PowerShift08.org](http://PowerShift08.org)



Power Shift '08 will inspire and empower a mass movement of young people to raise the profile of the climate in the 2008 elections and help to ensure historic youth turnout. We will work with young people to mobilize their peers to plan large-scale actions around the climate (focused on coal, green jobs, and local issues) and help produce a record turnout of young CLIMATE voters. We will then continue to apply pressure to elected officials through the spring, culminating in April at Power Shift '09, a national youth conference in Washington DC.

The program will kick off this summer, when local leaders of Power Shift '08 come together for a comprehensive grassroots organizing training. Then, they'll return to their local communities or college campuses in the fall with one mission - to show leaders at all levels that youth want to see bold and immediate action to solve global warming, build a clean energy economy and support environmental justice for all communities.

We are seeking leaders at all levels, but are particularly interested in identifying and supporting those who can reduce their academic load in the fall or even take the whole semester off (we can help you get credit and funding!). If you're interested in Power Shift '08, get in touch with Mattie with the Ohio Student Environmental Coalition – matt@energyjustice.net / 315.450.6628.

THE SIERRA STUDENT COALITION'S [SUMMER PROGRAMS \(SPROGS\)](#)

Registration is now open for the Sierra Student Coalition's 10 summer environmental leadership training programs (2008 Program locations: PR, CA, VA, NM, NH, MN, TX, GA, OR, PA). One week with us, and you'll be ready to make things happen from the local to national level.

Participants go on to build effective local networks and win campaigns, and many past participants are now leaders of the national climate movement. Check out the [brochure](#) and the [video](#) and [sign up today!](#)

4TH ANNUAL [MOUNTAIN JUSTICE SUMMER TRAINING CAMP](#) EASTERN KENTUCKY, MAY 17-23

With an emphasis on education, strategy, non-violence and cultural sensitivity, the MJS training camp provides participants with comprehensive workshops covering the impacts and politics behind mountain top removal coal mining and the hands-on tactical training to take to the mountains and do something about it. Take this opportunity to share strategies and build relationships that will create an even stronger network of allies and coalitions organizing resistance to MTR this summer and beyond!

We have found a great location for our fourth annual Mountain Justice Summer Camp: Camp Blanton at Blanton Forest, Harlan County, Kentucky, in the heart of the eastern Kentucky coalfields. Blanton Forest on Pine Mountain is an old growth forest that has never been logged and features spectacular mountain views and an awesome forest for hiking and exploring. Camp Blanton features a comfortable newly remodeled meeting and dining lodge, a beautiful lake, a wooded amphitheater, and rustic cabins with bunk beds (camping is also available).

MJS Training Camp flyers: [Full Page](#) & [Half Sheets](#)



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To Defend Appalachia & **STOP**
Mountain Top Removal!

May 17-23

Harlan County,
Kentucky

•workshops
•skill sharing
•JOIN THE MOVEMENT!!!

...for more info & registration go to:
www.mountainjustice.summer.org