



Ohio Student Environmental Coalition

Update from Mattie 6.8.08

It's been just over a month since the last update. Since then, I went to [Mountain Justice Summer Camp](#) and the [Heartwood Gathering](#), made visits to [Athens](#), Yellow Springs, [Wright State](#), [OSU](#), and [CCAD](#), worked on an end of the year wrap up, worked in the garden and on the house, trashpicked goodies OSU students threw away, and even took a couple sick days. Summer is for chilling, reflecting, planning, networking, and collecting [Power Vote](#) pledges.

“Liberation from the radical monopoly of industry is possible only where people engage in a political process” -Ivan Illich, Energy and Equity, 1974-

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-- OSEC UPDATES --

OSEC INTERNSHIPS FOR 08-09 SCHOOL YEAR

Pending final budget approval and adjusting, I'm gonna be developing some paid internship opportunities for 08-09. If you're interested in helping to shape or even manage what this will look like, get in touch!

AMP COAL PLANT CAMPAIGN

Uncertainties Surround AMP Plant - <http://www.ohiocitizen.org/campaigns/coal/uncertain.html>
Appeal hearing date set for Feb 09 - <http://www.mydailysentinel.com/articles/2008/06/03/news/news00.txt>

-- ACTION --

TELL CITI: STOP FUNDING COAL, AND START FUNDING RENEWABLES

Citi, the leading funder of the coal industry, is backing the construction of a new \$1.8 billion coal-fired powerplant in Wise County, Virginia. http://act.credoaction.com/campaign/citi_coal/?rc=ran0508

STOP I-69, THE NAFTA SUPERHIGHWAY: GET READY FOR THE BULLDOZERS

Roadblock Earth First! is shutting this road down, and we need your help. This month is called **X-69**, and we need you and your affinity group to make it happen. <http://stopi69.wordpress.com/x-69-shutdown-schedule/>

NO WAR, NO WARMING – NO MAS, NO MORE – STOP THE RNC!

Come to the Twin Cities, Minnesota To Take Action at the Republican National Convention, Sept. 1-4, 2008. <http://nowarnowarming.org/article.php?id=34>

SAY NO TO DIRTY FUELS AND SAVE SECTION 526

Preserve section 526 and reject any incentives for dirty fuels like liquid coal.

Sierra Club - <https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=689>

-- POLITICS --

SEN. SHERROD BROWN VOTES WITH GOP AGAINST GLOBAL WARMING LEGISLATION

U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown, an Ohio Democrat who has enjoyed widespread support from environmentalists, joined Republicans Friday to block legislation aimed at curtailing global warming.

Cleveland Plain Dealer - http://blog.cleveland.com/openers/2008/06/sen_sherrod_brown_votes_with_g.html
Also see <http://www.cleveland.com/plaindealer/stories/index.ssf?base/news/1212741185106540.xml&coll=2>

CLIMATE BILL STALLS, BUT ACTION IS INEVITABLE

It's only a matter of time before some meaningful climate change legislation is passed, probably during the next administration. <http://toledoblade.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080608/COLUMNIST42/806080304>

-- NEWS --

OBERLIN STUDENTS IN THE NEW YORK TIMES!

While previous generations focused on recycling and cleaning up rivers, these students want to combat global warming by figuring out ways to reduce carbon emissions in their own lives, starting with their own colleges.

Incredible! [Read it here](#).



VIDEO: YOUNG CLIMATE VOTERS

Your comrades from the southeast speak truth on CNN.

<http://www.cnn.com/video/#/video/politics/2008/05/19/sanchez.league.green.cnn?iref=videosearch>

WIDESPREAD STUDENT DIRECT ACTION...OVER GAS PRICES

High school students are pissed off, getting organized and taking matters into their own hands. All because of anger over the high prices at the pump. A remarkable string of news stories shows students boycotting gas and walking or biking to school, from Alabama to NYC.

<http://itsgettinghotinhere.org/2008/06/05/widespread-student-direct-actionover-gas-prices/>

OU A PARTNER IN COAL GRANT

\$10.5 million dollars of our money spent to coal up our classrooms - gross! [Read more here](#)

POISON ICE

As the sea ice melts, a toxic stew of mercury and synthetic chemicals is seeping into the Arctic food web, harming the area's people. We may be next.

Salon.com - http://www.salon.com/news/feature/2008/04/30/arctic_pollutants/

A PRICE DROP FOR SOLAR PANELS

The silicon shortage that has kept solar electricity expensive is ending.

The MIT Technology Review - <http://www.technologyreview.com/Biztech/20702/>

BURYING AIR POLLUTION – “CLEAN COAL” TEST IS A GO IN OHIO

Ohio company gets \$61 million to bury global warming emissions from coal

NPR - <http://www.wcpn.org/index.php/WCPN/news/11976/>

Red Orbit - http://www.redorbit.com/news/business/1375144/cleancoal_test_is_a_go_in_ohio/

Propaganda from Voinovich's Office – [read it here](#)

Beacon Journal- <http://www.ohio.com/news/19344559.html?page=1&c=y>

(also see [Greenpeace Report](#) against this technology, below)

COAL RIVER, WV RESIDENTS SUGGEST WIND FARM OVER MINING

Wind farming or strip mining? Which energy extraction method should be used on Coal River Mountain?

http://www.register-herald.com/local/local_story_155220219.html

-- OPPORTUNITIES --

ENERGY ACTION MEGA TRAINING CAMP – APPLICATION IS LIVE

This summer Energy Action Coalition and our partners invite you to some goosebump raising training to connect

you to the larger youth climate movement, share skills on building power and making change, and prepare you for Power Vote and beyond.

<http://energyactioncoalition.org/powervote/summer>

SHARE YOUR STORY WITH THE MOVEMENT

(Written by the Sierra Student Coalition Publishing Group)

Fill out our [brief questionnaire](#) with your group or as an individual as you reflect on your semester along with the challenges and the victories that it presented. We want to publish and distribute your stories to inform and expand nationwide dialogues among youth on what we have done and how we have done it.

ItsGettingHotInHere - <http://itsgettinghotinhere.org/2008/05/07/share-your-story-with-the-movement/>

AWARD: MARIO SAVIO YOUNG ACTIVIST AWARD

This award, which carries a cash prize of \$6000, is presented each year to a young person (or persons) with a deep commitment to human rights and social justice and a proven ability to transform this commitment into effective action. http://www.savio.org/young_activist_award.html

AWARDS: AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY IN HIGHER EDUCATION

AASHE has a few awards that Students and campuses will be interested in: we have a Student Sustainability Leadership Award, a Student Research on Campus Sustainability award, and four Campus Sustainability Leadership awards. <http://www.aashe.org/programs/awards.php>

SURVEY: ARE TODAY'S STUDENT ACTIVISTS LAZY?

For Mother Jones Magazine's 15th annual student roundup, we want the lowdown on student activism, past and present. Been arrested and regret it? Would your school win the prize for silliest student protest? Was student activism way better when you were in school? Is your cause unique?

<http://www.motherjones.com/news/featurex/2008/05/campus-activism-survey.html>

- - RESOURCES - -

VIDEO: COAL TIES

A Documentary that explores the connections a small town in Ohio has to Meigs County, an area that is oversaturated in Coal-related industry. Made by a student from Antioch College.

<http://blip.tv/file/876774>

VIDEO: CHANGING A WATER FILTER IN PRENTER HOLLOW, WV

This video shows a Grandfather changing the water filter on his well water in Prenter, WV. Coal Waste has been injected into abandoned underground mines near his house.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s2gSDk7vCrg>

REPORT: WHY CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE WON'T SAVE THE CLIMATE

Carbon capture and storage (CCS) aims to reduce the climate impact of burning fossil fuels by capturing carbon dioxide (CO₂) from power station smokestacks and disposing of it underground. However, the technology is largely unproven and will not be ready in time to save the climate.

Greenpeace - <http://www.greenpeace.org/usa/news/new-greenpeace-report-exposes>

REPORT: SOLAR THERMAL

Large-scale solar power plants could power nation, combat global warming, and create thousands of jobs.

Environment America – [see the report](#)

VIDEO: THE DIRTY TRUTH ABOUT CLEAN COAL

For this Greenwash of the Week, Bria and Robin discuss the coal industry's greenwashing

Rainforest Action Network - <http://youtube.com/watch?v=luVmMBppJc8>

STOP DIRTY FUELS: WILDLANDS, AIR, WATER, AND CLIMATE AT RISK

North America stands at an energy crossroads. <http://www.nrdc.org/energy/dirtyfuels.asp>

Video: The Folly of Liquid Coal - http://www.nrdc.org/multimedia/video/crude_substitute.htm

DIRTY ENERGY PRICE CHART

Perhaps the most damning evidence against fossil fuels, nuclear, and biofuels – all costs increase by more than double in less than a decade. <http://www.energyjustice.net/peak/>

DIRECTORY: SOLAR PANELS ON CAMPUSES

Solar capacity on campuses (go Oberlin, BG, and OU!) http://www.aashe.org/resources/solar_campus.php

- - SPOTLIGHT :: EARTH FIRST! ROUND RIVER RENDEZVOUS - -

A NATIONAL EF! GATHERING - SOUTHEAST OHIO JUNE 30-JULY 5

Here's just a few of the things to expect at this summer's Rendezvous:

- A safe space for all with an emphasis on mutual aid, support, and mental and emotional wellbeing
- A week of learning and teaching, jam-packed with great workshops and discussions
- A chance to learn about and participate in the projects that we're working on here in Southeastern Ohio
- Experience firsthand the beauty of Southeastern Ohio's rolling Appalachian foothills and temperate deciduous hardwood forests
- A chance to meet and exchange knowledge, information, and stories with individuals from all over, working on all sorts of different projects
- FUN!!



Go to the RoundRiverRondy.info website for more information.