



Forest & Wildlife
Youth Summit

Round Table Tip Sheet

Friday, March 8, 2024 • Wild Rose Ballroom, Coast Canmore Hotel, Canmore
1:30 - 2:45 PM

Thank you for taking part in the Forest and Wildlife Round Table Sessions at the Regenerate Youth Summit! Below are some tips and information to help you prepare for your session.

Round Table Goal: For Regenerate participants to see how a wide range of sectors are involved in forests and wildlife and for participants to interact with professionals in various fields.

Round Table Format: Groups of ~6-8 students and teachers will join you at your table for about 10 minutes at a time for a discussion around your area of expertise. In addition to sharing information on your area of expertise, the idea is to allow students to ask questions and for there to be some back-and-forth discussion.

The following tips will help you create a conversation with the students:

- ★ Relate how your work fits into Alberta forests and wildlife - this can be your personal work, your company's work or both.
- ★ Bring something for **SHOW & TELL**. Bringing something you use in your job or that helps illustrate your topic is a fantastic way to start conversations and make it memorable. Feel free to have a laptop with visuals to accompany your 10 minute discussion, but we suggest not treating the session as a "presentation". **Leave enough time for student questions!**
- ★ Tell YOUR story. What do you do? How did you get there? What inspires you to work in your field?
- ★ Relate your area of expertise back to the students' community, experiences and their team's environmental action projects. Some questions **to ask the students:**
 - What are your interests in forests and wildlife?
 - Could you see yourself getting involved through career, volunteering, advocacy, etc.?
 - What is your team action project? (*****remember, each school's team will be implementing an environmental action project in their community after the summit!**)
- ★ If you have business cards or other handouts, feel free to pass them out to continue conversations with keen students.
- ★ High school students may not all show interest in the way you expect! Don't be disheartened if you don't receive many questions or interaction right away. The experience of hearing from you is very valuable to these students and you may be surprised with what they take away from the session!