


Chattanooga Youth Conservation Summit

Presented by Cash Daniels, The Conservation Kid

In partnership with the Tennessee Environmental Education Association (TEEA)

 Ivy Academy, Soddy-Daisy, TN

 Thursday, September 25, 2025

 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

 Lunch included

About the Summit

The **Chattanooga Youth Conservation Summit** is a full day of **youth-led inspiration, action, and advocacy**, presented by **Cash Daniels**, *The Conservation Kid*, and hosted at Ivy Academy—Tennessee’s only environmental charter school. Designed for middle and high school students with a passion for protecting the planet, the Summit offers a unique opportunity to learn from peers and professionals, build conservation leadership skills, and develop personal action plans.

Through a mix of engaging presentations, collaborative planning sessions, hands-on workshops, and interactive exhibits, students will walk away with the tools and confidence to launch or grow their own conservation projects in their schools and communities.

Featured Presenter: Cash Daniels

At just 15 years old, **Cash Daniels** has become one of Tennessee’s most recognized youth conservationists. He was recently honored by the **National Geographic Society and the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation** as one of only 15 global recipients of the **2025 Slingshot Challenge Distinguished Achievement Award**. His award-winning project, **Lines of Hope**, is a youth-led effort to remove and recycle fishing line across Tennessee, transforming it into fish habitat and preventing wildlife entanglement.

Cash started his environmental journey at age seven and has since built strong partnerships with state agencies, placed recycling bins in public parks, and removed **over 6,000 miles of monofilament fishing line** from Tennessee waterways. He also runs a recycling business, volunteers for monthly cleanups, and plans to study oceanography and photography to further his mission through storytelling and film.

What to Expect

Students will:

- Hear from youth project leaders and participate in Q&A with Cash Daniels
- Attend workshops on topics like conservation policy, water quality, art & advocacy, fundraising, and communication
- Create a **Conservation Action Plan** using real-world tools and templates
- Visit exhibitor booths to explore pathways in science, advocacy, and sustainability
- Build connections with other youth and educators across the region

The Summit centers around **collaboration, creativity, and environmental advocacy**—giving students space to reflect, plan, and take action on the issues they care about most

Registration & Scholarships

- **Student Registration:** \$50 (includes all sessions, materials, and lunch). Middle school students must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Educator Registration:** \$35 (for teachers/chaperones accompanying students)
- **Educator Scholarships Available** – Email ansley@eeintennessee.org to request support

Hosted By

- **Cash Daniels, The Conservation Kid**
- **Tennessee Environmental Education Association (TEEA)**
- **Ivy Academy Environmental Charter School**