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## ENC intern receives Everyday Young Hero award

Last week, Youth Service America (YSA) recognized Environmental Nature Center (ENC) intern Emma Zebrowski of Irvine as an Everyday Young Hero for the work she's done as the ENC's Video Intern. Zebrowski filmed and edited an informational video about the ENC Nature Preschool – a video to teach about the importance of native plants and help the ENC's Nature Campers be "Zero Waste" when they come to Camp and more.

"Emma's work motivates people to be less wasteful and damaging to the environment," said ENC Assistant Director Lori Whalen. "She hopes that by creating awareness she will inspire others to live more sustainably."



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Courtesy of ENC

**Emma Zebrowski**

Zebrowski became interested in climate change after attending a three-day leadership training program led by Al Gore and his Climate Reality Project in Seattle, Wash. in June 2017, when she was 13. At the conference, she learned that climate change causes more than just high temperatures and was inspired to teach others that climate change causes extreme weather, catastrophic fires, droughts, harm to animal habitats and loss of land mass. She has been using her videography and editing skills to educate people about the many issues related to climate change.

"We know that young people are uniquely suited to help solve problems – if given the opportunity," said Steven A. Culbertson, president of YSA. "Today's social and environmental problems are immense; we need youth in this country to be leaders and problem solvers today, not just the leaders of a distant tomorrow."

The Everyday Young Hero award recognizes young people who are actively engaged in serving their communities and acting as a role model to other potential change makers. It is a chance to shine a spotlight on Everyday Young Heroes in our communities who may otherwise go unnoticed.

To learn about YSA's Everyday Young Heroes, visit [www.YSA.org/awards/eyh](http://www.YSA.org/awards/eyh).

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