4-H Virtual Issue Forum Frequently Asked Questions.

What is the 4-H Virtual Issue Forum?
The 4-H Issue Forum is a chance for youth to discover how they can bring their voice and their passion around water quality and access to the community table. Youth will learn to build empathy for those around them and to find solutions through a panel discussion with experts in the field of water. Break out sessions where teens will not only learn ways to they can change water problems in their area but learn how to believe in themselves to create a project that will help their community.

Following the day-long event, youth will work with their team to create a proposal for a problem they will address around water access and quality to be turned in and approved in August. In November there will be a check in with the teams to assess progress. They will then have until spring of 2021 to complete their project and prepare a formal presentation of what they project they completed. More details on the proposal and formal presentation will be shared during the forum.

How do I register for Issue Forum?
Contact your local 4-H educator to get the registration for your County or City. Then if you can find a 4-H friend to join you in signing up. Ask an adult (UME volunteer) to sign up with you.

What is the date for the Issue Forum?
Issue Forum will run on July 1, 2020, from 9:30 am to 4 pm.

What is the price of the Virtual Issue Forum?
FREE

What should I expect at the Issue Forum?
After the welcome and orientation for the day our keynote speaker, Dr. Edwin Green, Jr. will give his inspirational talk to lead the day’s activities. Then there will be a 5,4,3,2,1 Dance Break. Followed by a panel discussion with experts in field of water conservation. There will be some hands on activities and then learn how to create an action plan. Youth will have a choice between four breakout sessions:

1. How to Test for Water Quality at Home
2. Activating People for Positive Change
3. What’s the Wow in Water: Putting Creativity Into Advocacy
4. Jobs, Community Mapping, and Saving the World

Followed by a break out session where you get to develop your own action plans with a closing on where teams share with the whole group some of the ideas that were created.

Watch the video from the last Issue Forum
https://youtu.be/VEx6ExeQa_o