



Jump Onboard the Global Warming Express!

The Global Warming Express (www.theglobalwarmingexpress.org) is a Climate Change Education and Advocacy organization created by kids, for kids, ages 9-12. Two nine-year-old girls in Santa Fe, New Mexico, founded it after they learned about climate change and endangered species in third grade. One girl, Marina Weber, wrote a book called *The Global Warming Express* to send to President Obama, and she enlisted the help of her classmate, Joanna Whysner, to illustrate it. President Obama did receive the book and now you can too!

In the nine years since its inception, **The Global Warming Express (GWE)** has become a fast-growing kids' movement, the program has expanded to schools from the south side of Santa Fe to Albuquerque to Las Cruces. Programs at each school meet every week to learn about various environmental issues and set conservation and advocacy goals for their homes, schools, communities, state and beyond. The GWE kids now regularly contribute to city, county and state-level legislative meetings.

The GWE has recently been adopted by the Rio Grande Chapter of the Sierra Club and that partnership is increasing outreach and staffing of the program, as well as assisting with visibility for both organizations.

The GWE kids have been invited to give talks and performances all over the Southwest, and to connect with groups in other states. They have met with climatologist Dr. James Hansen, as well as many other climate and sustainability experts. Elected representatives in Washington, in New Mexico and to city mayors and city and county councils, as well as to many other enthusiastic, influential adults have come to know the "Global Warming Expressers" well, and to admire their advocacy and actions. The GWE was even featured in an HBO 4-part series on kids and the climate change.

The GWE has won several honors and awards, including The Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence and a Congressional Award for Climate Advocacy. The GWE kids are finding that grownups *are* listening to them, and encouraging them to believe that **KIDS CHANGE THE WORLD!**

To learn more about the GWE program or to volunteer to help out, please email GWE's Executive Director, and Director of Climate Education, Genie Stevens, at genie@theglobalwarmingexpress.org

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