

2026

Join Us on FEBRUARY 5th







Green Industry Youth Winter Forum

Co-Sponsored by the MNLA Foundation
Pre-Registration Required
Register on or before January 27, 2026



REGISTER STUDENTS & EDUCATORS AT MNLA.COM/WINTERFORUM/YOUTH or SCAN THE ABOVE QR CODE



MNLA Youth Winter Forum February 5, 2026, | 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Best Western Royal Plaza & Trade Center Marlborough, MA

Event Schedule

9:00 - 10:00 AM | Registration & Welcome

- Registration is open for students and educators.
- Students may drop backpacks and jackets in a room reserved exclusively for Youth Winter Forum attendees.
- MNLA Foundation staff and the Youth Engagement Committee will:
 - o Review of the day's schedule
 - o Provide instructions for competitions and education.
 - Distribute scavenger hunt materials.

9:00 - 11:00 AM | Student Activities

Hands-On Scavenger Hunt

- Seed Identification
- Plant Identification
- Tool Identification

(Completed prior to the 11:00 AM education session)

10:30 AM | School Competition: "Green Industry Super Bowl"

- Each school selects six students to compete.
- Skills-based games focused on the green industry.
- Winning school receives bragging rights and swag for the entire team.

11:00 AM | Education Session (Optional, Encouraged)

"One Base at a Time"

Inspiration & Tricks of the Trade from a Former Major League Groundskeeper

David Mellor, former Senior Director of Grounds at Fenway Park, shares:

- Soil preparation techniques
- Turfgrass selection
- Lawn and field maintenance insights
- Favorite mowing patterns
- Career lessons from professional sports

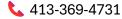
12:00 PM | Wrap-Up & Awards

- Event takeaways and closing remarks.
- Awards and swag for all student and educator attendees
- Time to explore the vendor area while awaiting transportation.

Important Information

Pre-registration is required to ensure adequate seating and resources for all participants.

Questions? Contact Rena Sumner



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