



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](https://mnla.com/winterforum/youth) or  
SCAN THE ABOVE QR CODE

## Event Schedule

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### 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:
    - Review of the day's schedule
    - Provide instructions for competitions and education.
    - Distribute scavenger hunt materials.
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### 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.**
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### 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
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### 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.
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### Important Information

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

**Questions?** Contact Rena Sumner

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