

One kid can make a difference

Have you ever wondered why the water gets warmer and warmer every year you go swimming ? That we have shorter and shorter winters? Well that is because of climate change. I am only 10 years old and I am already noticing the change.

Climate change happens because of humans and something called greenhouse gasses. Greenhouse gasses come from burning fossil fuels and methane from cattle. The gas comes out of cars when we drive, from burning coal, using leaf blowers and lawn mowers, go karts and even race cars. If the machine is electric it does not put carbon dioxide in the air. The gasses build up in our atmosphere and make the Earth too hot because it traps the heat, like a blanket. This changes our weather. Now we have shorter winters and sometimes hot and dry summers. The gasses can come down when it rains. That is called acid rain. This stuff goes in the water and it is bad for the fish and animal life.

When I go to my gramas camp to swim I love seeing the beautiful fish in the glistening, glittering water. The water is so clear you can see the fish swimming below the surface. Now when you litter some garbage and bad chemicals gets in the water and the fish might eat the bad stuff. That means that the fish are dying and the birds that eat the fish could die too. Sometimes fish or animals get caught up in plastic trash and suffocate.

If you want to save the planet, you can recycle, use cloth bags, cut up plastic 6 pack rings, use less energy, compost, don't litter and don't be wasteful.

I want to keep swimming in clean water and see the beautiful fish in the lakes and rivers of Vermont. Please do not litter. Do your part! Every little bit helps. Just because we are kids, we can still make a difference. That way you and your friends can enjoy the beautiful state of Vermont in all seasons.

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