

Teen Commission Meeting
March 12, 2025
Presentations

Item #1
Youth Led Organization,
Ecovalley



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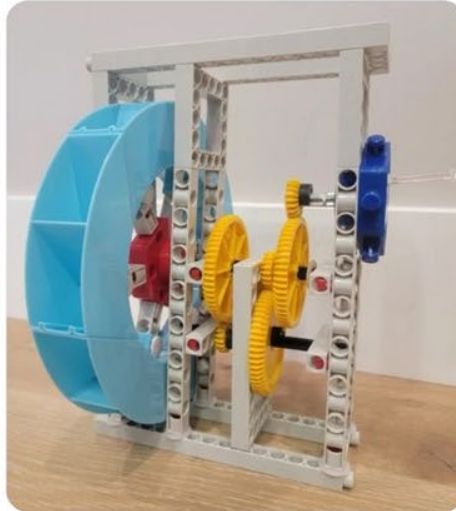
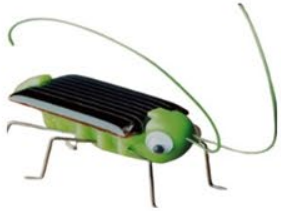
YOUTH FOUNDATION SINCE 2022

Raising Awareness Through Art,
Solving Problems with Science





Carbon Zero Hero



**Renewable Energy Science Class for Community Children
Sponsored by Silicon Valley Clean Energy**

Environmental Art Projects



2023 NOAH'S ARK

2023 GLOVAL CANVAS
Group first place



2024 PEDALS OF CHANGE

Created using discarded
citycrossing safety flags



2024 SECOND LIFE BAGS

Made from
used city sunshades



Eco-Jewelry Making



decorating

GO SAFELY
SAFETY FIRST

015 TRAFFIC STOP

back mountain
mountain sports

valley





CUPERTINO COMMUNITY HALL

AVENUE

↑ Men's Restroom

Women's Restroom →



The Beginning of the Project:

Cupertino City sent us old sunshades and challenged us to create something new with them.



I'm slowly putting everything from Bike Fest away and am realizing I'm missing the 5"x7" clear plastic flyer stand that the Petals of Change flyer was in. Do you happen to have it by any chance?

And a question for you – one of my co-workers is getting rid of a powder blue canopy top. Can you use it for anything? It's 10'x10' and some kind of silky nylon material.



PLANING FOR 2025

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1. RENEWABLE SCIENCE BOWL



2. CLOTHING X-CHANGE

1-Ton Carbon Reduction Challenge
Operating a Used Clothing
Exchange Shop for Students



3. HELIOS FESTIVAL

Creating a festival for low-income families and seniors with solar-powered decorative lighting.

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Item #2
Youth Led Organization,
Active Circle

ACTIVE CIRCLE

***501c3 non-profit dedicated to Creating Active
Connected Communities***

Founders: Nivriti Vira and Aanya Shah

[Instagram](#)

[Facebook](#)

<https://www.theactivecircle.org>



- **Active Circle**, a non-profit organization was founded in May 2020 by **Aanya Shah** and **Nivriti Vira** (currently student of Cupertino High School).
- Our mission is to create **Active Connected Communities** that is physically and mentally healthy.
- **Active Circle** is **PVSA certified** and is a registered **501c3 non-profit** in the state of California (Entity Number 5931195)



Past Local Events: A Glimpse Into the Active Circle Community events

ALL INCLUSIVE POTLUCK PICNICS

in partnership with the Special
Ed Parents and Kids Community



CUPERTINO CITY EVENTS

- health screening @ indian heritage fair
- bike fest



MONTHLY TEEN AND FAMILY HIKES

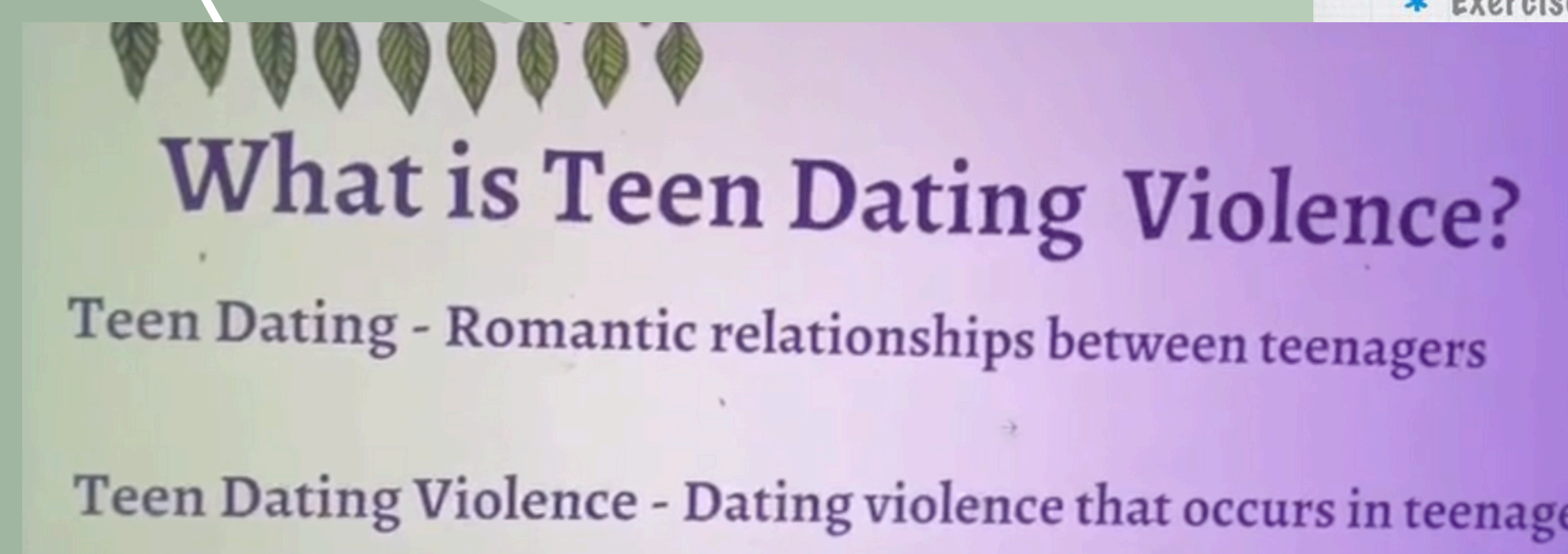
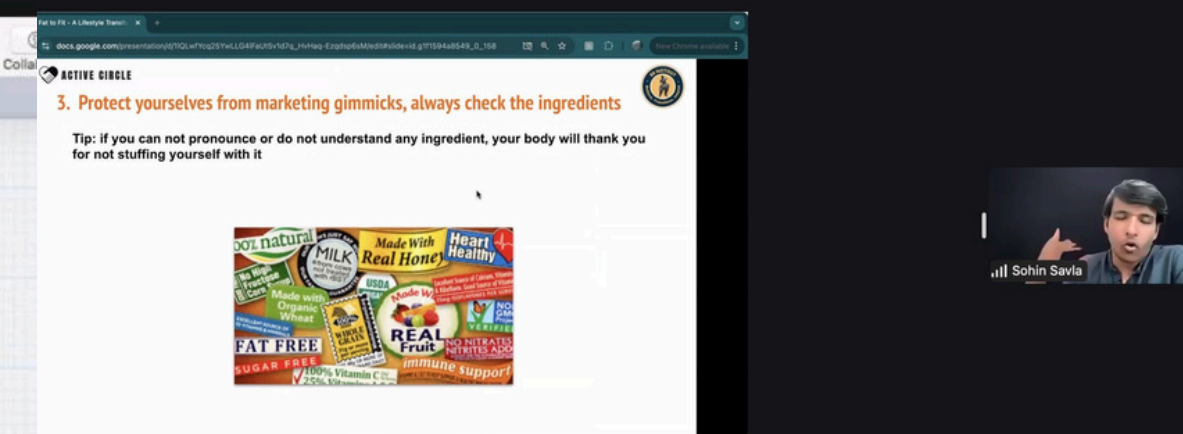
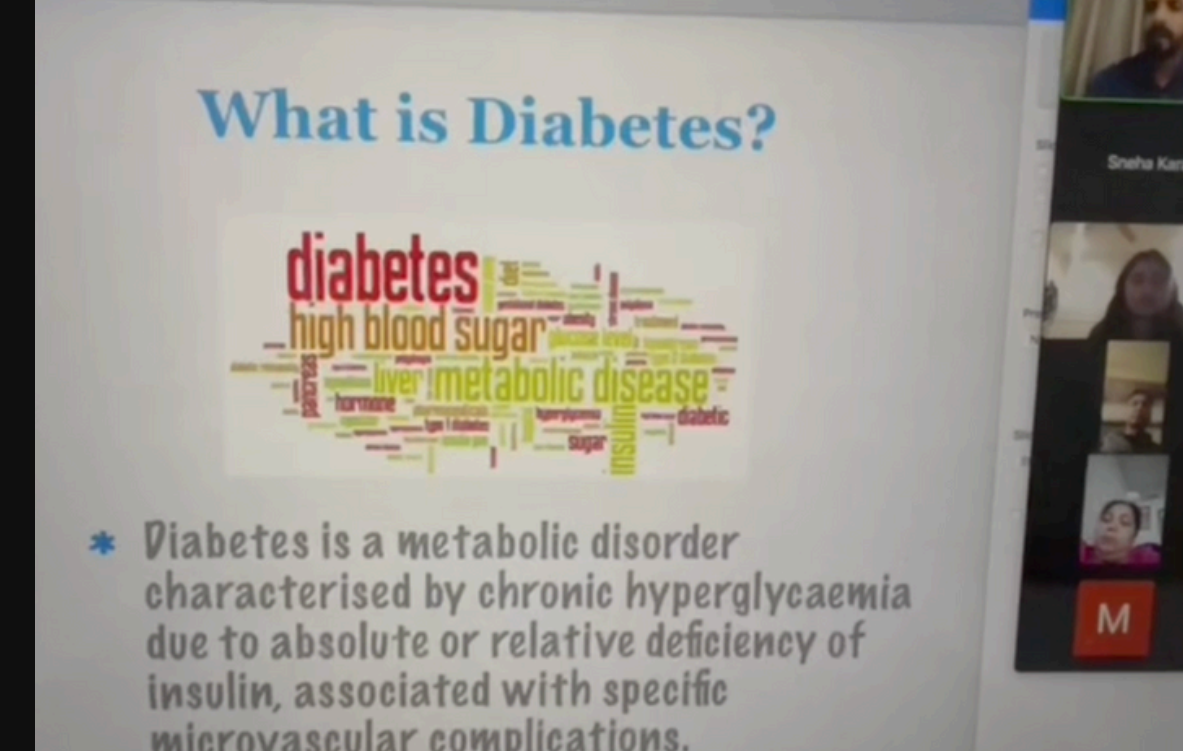
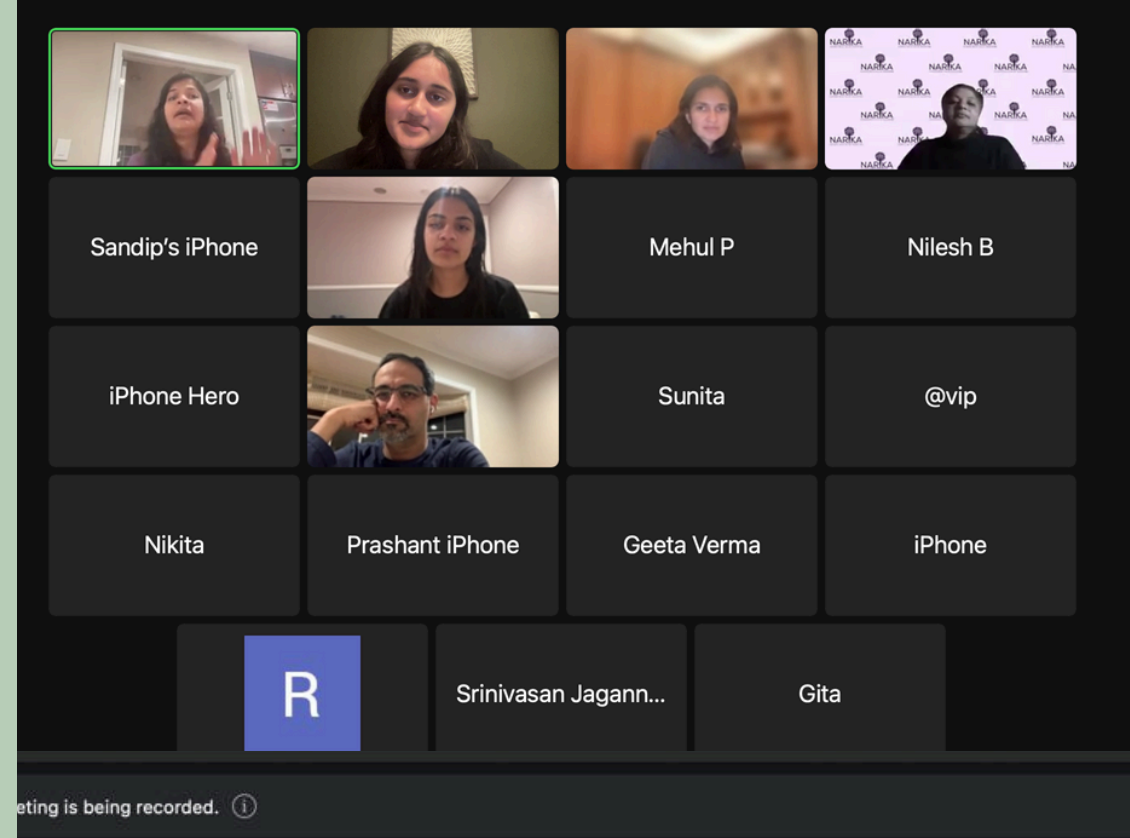
in partnership with MyTrailPals

In/Around Cupertino Trails



HEALTH WEBINARS AND CHALLENGES

To foster healthy lifestyle habits with the support of certified lifestyle doctors and coaches.



ECO-IMPACT AND SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS: PARK CLEAN-UPS, SNEAKER DRIVES



SNEAKER DRIVE

CHARITY DRIVE FOR FEEDING THE HUNGRY KIDS

Hosted by:
Active Circle 



Bring your gently used sneakers and help make a difference. All proceeds from the shoe donations will be contributed to "No Kids Hungry," supporting their mission to end child hunger.



www.theactivecircle.org

COOKING AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION EVENT



IMPACT

- 100+ people benefited from monthly Health and lifestyle challenges
- 100+ families participated in all-inclusive picnics
- 600+ pair of sneakers saved from entering the landfills and donated to GotSneakers
- \$1676 for NoKidHungry
- \$2000 for Khushiyaan Foundation- COVID crisis
- \$600 for South Asian Heart Center
- \$1500 for Children's Cancer Hospital
- \$500 to John Hopkins division of endocrinology and diabetes research
- Sponsored local community sports team

PARTNERSHIPS & ORGANIZATIONS WORKED WITH

Corporations:

- ASK Staffing
- Walmart Labs
- Circle
- Arista Networks

Non-Profits:

- South Asian Heart Center - outreach partners
- Girl Scouts of Northern California
- MyTrailPals - monthly teen hikes
- Narika (domestic violence awareness)
- Special Ed Parents and Kids Community
- West Valley Water

AWARDS

- Gold Presidential Service Award
- Cupertino Mayoral Award
- Santa Clara Mayoral Award
- Girl Scouts Silver Award
- First Lego League Motivational Award

THANK YOU!!

any feedback or questions?



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Item #4

Ecovalley for Teen
Commission Highlight
Program

Parks and Recreation Department Evaluation of Youth Led Organization for Highlight

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- Review Youth Led Organization Application
- Consider Youth Led Organization for Highlight spot by Teen Commission

Reminder of the Questions to Answer

- What is your YLO's goals?
- What do you want to achieve?
- What are your plans to increase engagement in the future?
- What are the plans for the YLO after you graduate from high school?
- Do you have a plan for the longevity of the organization?
- Why do they want the YLO highlight?
- What is the organization's impact on Cupertino?
- What made them want to start the YLO?

Organization

- Ecovalley
- Contact: Joshua Ryu
- Website: <https://ecovalleyyouth.org>

How Many Events?

- 5 long term projects each year

What Does the Organization Do?

- Ecovalley is a youth-led creative environmental organization based in Silicon Valley that combines upcycled art and environmental science education to drive sustainable change. We transform discarded materials such as safety flags and vehicle sunshades into innovative environmental sculptures and reusable products to raise awareness about environmental issues and promote sustainable actions. Our approach is simple—use art to visually highlight problems and science to offer practical solutions.

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How Does the Organization Engage Participants?

- We engage our members through fun and unique environmental projects.

What are the Plans for the After Graduation?

- We continuously welcome new student members, and we plan to keep leading Ecovalley even as we move on to college.

What Makes the Organization Unique?

- What's special about Ecovalley is that we try different ways to approach environmental activism. We use art to show the problems and science to find solutions.

Why should Teen Commission Highlight the Organization?

- We want people to know there are unique youth organizations like ours working on environmental issues. We also want to share Ecovalley's way of solving these problems with the community.

Questions?



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Item #5

Active Circle for Teen
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Organization

- Active Circle
- Contact: Nivriti Vira
- Website: <https://www.theactivecircle.org/>
- Instagram:
https://www.instagram.com/the_active_circle/

How Many Events?

- More than 50 programs including Health Webinars, Yoga in the Park, Inclusive Picnic for NeuroDiverse Families, Health Challenges

What Does the Organization Do?

- Born from the vision of middle schoolers in 2020, Active Circle's mission is to create Active Connected Communities. This platform allows you to create or participate in group activities. Our goal is to ignite a movement that empowers people to embrace a holistic approach to well-being, encompassing both mental and physical health.

How Does the Organization Engage Participants?

- Through word of mouth publicity, our website and instagram posts.

What are the Plans for the After Graduation?

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Why should Teen Commission Highlight the Organization?

- Shown in the presentation.

Questions?



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