

It's Cool to Cool the Climate



- **Cool the Climate** when it gets down to it, *means* being cool // It's cool being part of the solution rather than the problem, it's cool to sustain our planet instead of polluting it → Sign up for **Cool the Climate** (http://www.takeresponsibility.us/quest11/coolclimate_signup.html)
 - **it's cool to be helping the planet instead of polluting it;**
 - **it's cool to be part of the solution rather than the problem;**
 - **it's cool to skateboard or bike to school (or work) rather than driving;**
 - **...and if you are going to drive, drive cool with cleaner burning, more efficient vehicles;**
 - **it's cool to get a check every month from the utility because of your home based solar installation rather than to write a check to the utility every month;**
 - **it's cool to be an engineer (a master in math & science, employing critical thinking and hands on solutions way to the world's most pressing challenges);**
 - **it's cool to have a job, and a quality job at that, which is exactly what young people today will have in the field of clean energy, efficiency and innovation;**
 - **it's cool to be fit and healthy – from turning off the energy hog devices & being active in the great outdoors as well as eating more organic, local, fresh grown foods rather than fatty methane emitting or deep fried CO2 emitting foods;**
 - **it's cool to sacrifice and be responsible for a cleaner, brighter and better future ;**
 - **it's cool to lead a new American Revolution for a cause – much greater than self interest – to sustain life on Earth!**

Brian Watchman who is a teenager, student, Native American and fellow citizen made the following statement on why he think's it cool to be working for climate & clean energy stewardship:

“What isn't appealing about having a cleaner, healthier and promising future. We should have in mind that this teenage generation has the potential to build a future that allows all of humanity to survive. Our elders give us plenty of speeches to direct our future into a structured path; why not build our legacy upon those expectations. Along using those expectations to promote a positive change in the world, we also improve our health and our environment. The United States of America sadly still isn't the leader in the Green Revolution. We are the ones to inherit the responsibility to preserve all of the life on Earth the best we can. And our job is to lead our children and the other generations to come to live a sustainable life.

One reason why I've chosen to work on this Cool the Climate project, is that that I believe it can help our communities and our economy. Climate change is one of the biggest issues that I know of. And is one of the top two that I'm most passionate about . I know that I can be a leader to my generation and I know that I have the responsibility to change the direction of the dead end life style of today. This is my generation's inheritance to take care of the world and ensure the survival of our civilization. *I want to be part of the green revolution because it's the future and I want to be able to tell my kids about my part in the fight against climate change and hopefully pass on a legacy.* Some example of the steps I've taken is so far are testifying for a petition to be signed by Environmental Improvement Board to put a cap on carbon emissions, I'm a part of the Santa Fe Indian School's Green Team, I'm conscientious of unplugging devices that aren't in use and cutting down my consumption of electricity and spreading word about the severity of the climate change issue. These are many other ways I take action too. I feel honored to be a part of the Climate Change Leadership Institute and the project we're working on called Cool the Climate is something I'm going to be proud of forever.”

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