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**PORTLAND YOUTH LEAD**  
**'GLOBAL CLIMATE STRIKE'**  
**Sept 20, 2019**

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**[PORTLAND, OR]** – On Friday, September 20th, Portland youth are participating in a **Global Climate Strike** with hundreds of Climate Strike's on Sept 20th throughout the country and around the world!

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Inspired by 16 year old Swedish activist Greta Thunberg, this global movement is focused on demanding immediate change from government officials and lawmakers to end the age of fossil fuels in order to pave a road to a stable climate and sustainable future. Though predominantly youth-led, adults from around the world will be joining the youth in this fight. **Portland, Oregon Climate Strike**

**Here in Portland**

groups from all over the city  
walk out of schools and workplaces

**Congregating at City Hall**

demonstrating a united passion to  
Create and secure the sustainability of all future,  
as well as educating fellow citizens  
on the impending danger and solutions for climate change.

From there, people will **march across the Hawthorne Bridge**  
to a **Climate Strike Festival** that will take place  
near **OMSI on the Eastbank Esplanade.**

This family-friendly fair will allow folks to become engaged in climate action with local climate organizations while also enjoying the festivities with provisions from local vendors.

**Following this strike, the week of September 20th to 27th will be designated a “week of action”** during which Portlanders of all ages will have opportunities to take action surrounding climate justice. This will include activism trainings taking place at OMSI, demonstrations to protest Zenith oil and other environmental threats, and many additional chances for climate advocacy across a wide variety of important issues.

**Chief demands from the youth organizers of the strike include:**

1. **Rework unequitable Climate Emergency Resolution** - Rework the Climate Emergency Declaration by engaging youth and frontline communities. This resolution should include meaningful actions and a clear timeline for how Portland will address the climate crisis. **Stay home Mayor Wheeler** - Don't go to Copenhagen for the C40 Mayor Summit unless our demands are met. Stay home and take action on our demands and the climate crisis.
2. **Climate Test** - Create and implement city policy that ensures that every decision made by the city of Portland and its departments takes into account the health of the planet.
3. **Fund YouthPass** - City should fund bus passes for all youth in the Portland Metro area. This is an important equity issue and also the best way to build ridership in young Portlanders
4. **Stop Zenith Emergency** - Deny all future permits and declare an immediate Stop Work Order for this terminal handling Tar Sands oil.

*As Grace Curley, one of the youth organizers, explains,*

**“Our government needs to realize that we are the people who will experience the effects of climate change in the future, so our voices are some of the most important on this issue. We need to be heard, and we can't afford to wait any longer.”**

**WHEN:**

9/20 10:30 AM - Strike at Portland City Hall  
9/20 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM - Rally and Speakers at City Hall  
9/20 11:45 AM - Leave City Hall and march to Eastbank Esplanade  
9/20 12:45 PM - Arrive at Eastbank Esplanade  
9/20 12:45 PM to 5:00 PM - Climate Festival at Eastbank Esplanade  
9/20-9/28 - Week of Action

**WHERE:**

9/20 - City Hall to East Bank Esplanade.  
9/21-9/28 - Various community spaces around Portland.

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