

Huntington YMCA Launches Outdoor Classroom Program with National Grid

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Huntington, NY (August 25, 2023)-The Huntington YMCA formally unveiled the National Grid Outdoor Education Center to Summer Day Campers this summer. This initiative, which began in late 2022, stemmed from an opportunity for the Huntington YMCA to enhance programming in partnership with National Grid. The new National Grid Outdoor Education Center, positioned on the Huntington YMCA campus, includes multiple learning stations for children to explore their natural surroundings and discover the world around them.

"We are grateful for our partnership with National Grid to bring this education program to our campers, preschoolers and overall community," said Anne Brigis, President & CEO, YMCA of Long Island. "Research shows that children and young adults who are engaged in outdoor education are more likely to engage in positive behaviors, eat better, sleep better, and step up as guardians in safeguarding our planet for generations to come," Brigis said.

"We are thrilled to see children enjoying the National Grid Outdoor Education Center and watching preschoolers and campers exploring in nature's classroom," said Kathy Wisnewski, Director of Customer and Community Engagement, National Grid. "Encouraging youngsters to learn about science, gardening and art will help them become stewards of the environment. Investing in our children's environmental education is another step towards a brighter future."

About the YMCA of Long Island

The YMCA of Long Island is a 501c3 nonprofit community-based service organization dedicated to improving the lives of children, teens, adults, and families through programs and services that nurture youth development, foster healthy living, and inspire social responsibility. Long Islanders learn to live their healthiest and fullest lives inside the YMCA's located in Bay Shore, East Hampton, Glen Cove, Holtsville, Huntington, and Patchogue. For information and locations, [visit ymcali.org](http://visitymcali.org).

About National Grid

National Grid (NYSE: NRG) is an electricity, natural gas, and clean energy delivery company serving more than 20 million people through our networks in New York and Massachusetts. National Grid is focused on building a smarter, stronger, cleaner energy future — transforming our networks with more reliable and resilient energy solutions to meet state climate goals and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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Photos

1. External Sign for National Grid Outdoor Education Center
2. National Grid constituency visit Outdoor Education Center alongside YMCA of Long Island team and Huntington YMCA Summer Day Campers
3. Camp Counselor plays music in the National Grid Outdoor Education Center Musical Area

4. National Grid and YMCA of Long Island team pose with Huntington YMCA Summer Day Campers
5. Kiddie Campers practicing their painting skills at the National Grid Outdoor Education Center Nature Art Area
6. Sneak peek into the National Grid Outdoor Education Center's Activity & Resource Space
7. Campers taking a "closer look" with binoculars
8. Camper with counselor at the Rain Water collecting station at the National Grid Outdoor Education Center









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