Students benefit from interacting with the physical or material aspects of their subjects, and by talking with the people—citizens, government officials, and others—whose lives, livelihoods, and communities are or will be affected by (usually much needed) changes to environmental policy. Of course students are trained to address differing written perspectives, but if we hope to understand all that is involved with the positions we take on environmental issues and to effect lasting change, we must learn how to talk to one another face-to-face.