FUTURES WHEEL ACTIVITY:

TRENDS AND CONSEQUENCES
In small groups or pairs, consider the impacts of a climate trend, energy trend, innovation, or prediction.

- Include positive and negative consequences
- Begin in the center of the diagram with the trend and work out.
- Consider personal and societal impacts
Gas is $6.00 per gallon

First Order Consequence

- More people buy electric cars
- Fewer gasoline cars on the road
- Fewer cars on the road
- Lower greenhouse gas emissions
- Less dependence on foreign oil
- Roads don’t need repair as often
- Less money for food
- Increased stress on families
- Fewer traffic jams
- Tourist businesses suffer

Second Order Consequence

- People don’t buy cars as often
- People drive fewer miles
- Fewer cars on the road
- Lower greenhouse gas emissions
- More people telework
- Fewer cars on the road
- Increase in hunger
- Less money heating and cooling houses
- Fewer cars on the road

Third Order Consequence
Potential Next Steps

• Find credible resources or data that validate the consequences
• Assess the likelihood of each consequence actually occurring
• Determine the importance of each consequence
• Categorize the nature of each consequence (social, economic, technological, environmental, or political)
• List possible choices for decisions based on the consequences
• Identify potential impacts of each decision based on the futures wheel