



Update 10.25.2021

### Program Update

All of us from YES! and Prairie Woods ELC would like to wish Taylor all the best on her new journey with the USDA and in her new home in Montevideo. And I want to personally say job well done, Taylor!

~Shelli-Kae Foster, YES! Program Director

YES! is presenting at the [Virtual MnCOSE/MnSTA conference](#) on Thursday, Oct. 28 from 7 to 7:50 p.m. We have teamed up with We Share Solar and CERTs. Learn about Solar on Schools and WSS's Power2Share program by joining us!

### Regional Updates

**Northwest:** The Royalton YES! team made a visit to Prairie Woods ELC to learn about aquatic invasive species (AIS), water quality testing techniques and the native prairies that surround PWELC. Students rode fat tire bikes through the prairie and paddled the water in canoes to learn about "Clean, Drain, Dry," which helps to stop the spread of AIS. ~Shelli-Kae Foster, YES! Program Director

**West Central:** Unfortunately this is my last week with YES!, but I wish you all the best of luck with your projects this year and I can't wait to hear about your accomplishments! I am so lucky to have had the chance to get to know you and your students over the last 4 years. ~Taylor Templer, West Central Coordinator

**Southern:** Please join me in welcoming teacher Megan Schimek, who hopes to integrate YES! with the Roots and Shoots club at Pine Island High School! Megan has coached a YES! team in the past, and this year a surge of interest from students who want to take action to help the environment inspired her to reconnect with YES!. ~Deb Groebner, Southern Coordinator

### Upcoming YES! Events

**October 27, 2021:** Virtual Fall Summit from 8:30-11 a.m.

Jump-start a successful season by joining other YES! teams on Zoom for three interactive sessions with climate experts and YES! staff! Questions? Contact Deb Groebner at [deb@yesmn.org](mailto:deb@yesmn.org) or (612) 716-8438. **LAST CALL** for registration! Sign your team up by 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 25 – click [here](#) now to register!

### Key Tasks

**Register your team for 2021-22 Season** – Click [here](#) to open the online form or visit Coaches Corner to download a PDF version.

Have students' parents fill out the [electronic 2021-22 Liability Release Form](#), **OR** print off and fill out the [paper 2021-22 Liability Release & Parent Information Form](#) and send to your YES! Coordinator.

Have students complete the 2021-22 [Pre-Assessment Survey](#).

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