

YES! Update 1.22.2016

Announcements

* **Climate Generation Summer Workshop Announced!** [Summer Institute for Climate Change Education](http://www.climategen.org/summer-institute) Announced! It will focus on resources and training to integrate the Next Generation Science Standards into your classroom, which for the first time include climate change. Resources will include our newest middle school curriculum, More at [www.climategen.org/summer-institute](http://www.climategen.org/summer-institute)
* **Winter Workshops!** We have a great line up!  All of the YES! Winter Workshops have been planned, and we wanted to let your team know of all of the ones happening in the state.  Please be sure to be in contact with your coordinator about your participation in the workshop(s) of your choice!  They will connect you to the coordinator organizing that workshop.  Remember, you are eligible for district expense reimbursements for transportation and substitute teacher expenses up to $500 throughout the year, so make sure you submit for those following the workshop(s) you attend! Here is the line-up:
	+ North Central MN
		- March 2: Greening your Cafeteria in Little Falls, MN
	+ Central MN
		- February 3: Exploring Energy Efficiency at Saint John’s Outdoor University and in Avon
		- Week of February 22 (date TBD): Native Plants at Sartell Middle School
		- February 23: Climate Stewards Workshop at Albany High School (evening workshop)
	+ West Central MN
		- January 27: How to Grow a Green Thumb in Spicer
		- February 17: Electrify your Team with the Sun in Spicer
	+ Southern MN:
		- February 3: Completing the Circle in St. Peter, MN
		- February 17: Community Solar in Lake Crystal, MN
* **What can you do about Climate Change?** Do you reduce, reuse, and recycle? Reducing, reusing, and recycling in your home helps conserve energy and reduces pollution and greenhouse gas emissions from resource extraction, manufacturing, and disposal. If there is a recycling program in your community, recycle your newspapers, beverage containers, paper, and other goods. Also, composting your food and yard waste reduces the amount of garbage that you send to landfills and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

Grants and Opportunities

* Back by popular demand, the World of 7 Billion student video contest can help you bring technology and creativity into your middle and high school classes. The contest challenges your students to create a short (60 seconds or less) video illustrating the connection between world population growth and one of three global challenges dealing with either Deforestation, Public Health, or Water Scarcity. Students can win up to $1,000 and their teachers will receive free curriculum resources. Full contest guidelines, resources for research, past winners, and more can be found at [www.worldof7billion.org/student-video-contest](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CKatelyn%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CINetCache%5CContent.Outlook%5CAYX879GY%5Cwww.worldof7billion.org%5Cstudent-video-contest)
* **2016 Schoolyard Gardens Conference Friday, March 4, 2016:**
	+ An Ecosystem of Learning, Sharing Common Ground at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
	+ Friday, March 4, 2016 8:30 a.m-4:00 p.m.
	+ Schoolyard gardens provide an incomparable, hands-on opportunity for students to meet academic standards, engage with community partners, learn about agriculture, healthy eating and connect with natural systems. Whether you are a beginner or schoolyard garden veteran, join us in March to learn innovative strategies, sustaining and engaging everyone in a thriving schoolyard garden.
	+ Keynote speaker: Betti Wiggins, Executive Director, Office of School Nutrition, for Detroit Public Schools. In 2011, under her leadership, the Detroit School Garden Collaborative (DSGC) was established which currently supports 78 school-based gardens and a 4.5 acre school farm.
	+ Learn more and register at:
	<http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/schoolyards2016.aspx>
* **Prairie Wetland Learning Center Workshops**
	+ The Prairie Wetland Learning Center has announced their 2016 Workshops for educators and the general public. For a complete list go to:
	[http://www.fws.gov/uploadedFiles/2015%20events,%201%20column.pdf](http://www.fws.gov/uploadedFiles/2015%20events%2C%201%20column.pdf)

Coach Tips

* **Have you visited your local service organizations? Lions Club, Shriners, SERTOMA, Rotary, ELKs club, etc.!** They love to hear what cool things young people are up to and often have funds to help support your projects!
* **The World Wear Project process has been clarified!** Please see the updated [Green Fundraising](http://www.youthenergysummit.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Green-Fundraising.pdf) resource sheet under the Coaches Corner. A [customizable flyer](http://www.youthenergysummit.org/resources-2/yes-coaches-corner/) has been posted to help you promote the project in your school as well! Contact your coordinator to sign up today!
	+ **Coaches Corner password:** yes2015