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Welcome back! We hope you had a safe warm and wonderful holiday break!

* **Next week we will announce our McKnight foundation Grant winners, so stay tuned!**
* **Be sure to use all of the many resource compiled for you on**  [‘Coaches Corner’](http://www.youthenergysummit.org/resources-2/yes-coaches-corner/). If you are looking for something about YES! It is probably there! The password for the site: yes2015
* Now the holidays are over, [check this list](http://www.pickyourownchristmastree.org/MinnesotaTreeRecyclingDisposal.php) for what to do with your Christmas tree and put it to use a second time!
* **What can you do about Climate Change?** It is your right to ask “What are your elected officials doing about climate change?” Contact them to ask about adaptation and mitigation techniques they are pursuing!
* **Climate Generation** has a whole suite of [curriculum guides and online modules](http://www.climategen.org/what-we-do/education/climate-change-and-energy-curricula/) to help grades 3-12 learn about climate change.

Grants and Opportunities

* **Have you visited your local service organizations? Lions Club, Shriners, SERTOMA, Rotary, ELKs club etc. etc!** They love to hear what cool things young people are up to and often have funds to help support your projects!
* The Carton2Garden contest awards students’ creativity by re-purposing milk and juice cartons from your school cafeteria to either build or enhance your school garden. Educators can engage students in a hands-on experience creating teachable moments on environmental stewardship, sustainable packaging and healthy living. The best use of cartons in a school garden gives your school the chance to win one of 14 prizes with a grand prize valued at $5,000.  Find more information [here](http://carton2garden.com/contest-details/spring-2016-contest/), and start collecting your school’s milk cartons today!

Coach Tips

* If you are a high school YES! coach, consider recruiting a middle school teacher in your district to start a YES! team at their school to start ‘priming’ students earlier for involvement in YES! Or conversely, if you are a middle school YES! coach, consider finding someone at the high school to start a team to provide continuity for your students who were involved in middle school. Just imagine the impact your students could have if they were involved with YES! in both middle and high school!

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