

YES! Update 3.25.2016

Announcements

* Participating in the USAgain Earth Month Challenge? Download some promo items [here](http://www.usagain.com/2016-earth-month-downloads)!
* The [2016-2017 Registration Form](http://www.youthenergysummit.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/PWELC-YES-Team-Registration-Form-2016-2017.pdf) is now available! Fill one out for your team soon, and let your coordinator know if you will be returning next year!
* Spring judging is right around the corner. Start working on your final report and presentation so it’s ready!
* Nominate your team or individuals from your team for a [Red Wagon Award](https://mnyouth.net/work/red-wagon-awards/) by **April 1**! It honors young people in grades 6-12 that have shown resilience and overcome obstacles.
* The Pine Island YES! Team has a Twitter page! Follow them at PIHS Roots & Shoots.

Professional Development Opportunities for Youth and Staff

* Serve as a [Regional Advocate for Minnesota Association for Environmental Education](http://www.minnesotaee.org/Get-Involved). It’s low-commitment and connects Minnesota’s environmental educators to more resources and opportunities.
* The Como Zoo is currently accepting applications through April 15, 2016 for youth to join their [Youth Engagement Program](http://www.comozooconservatory.org/support/youth-engagement-program/#/18809-2), a program that helps youth develop skills needed to bring effective change in their communities.

Funding Opportunities

* Just over a month left to turn in your [Coach and Project Expense Form](http://www.youthenergysummit.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Updated-YES-Coach-and-Project-Expense-Form-ENRTF-LCCMR-2015-2016.pdf) for reimbursement!

Coach Tips

* National Environmental Education Week is April 17-23. Participate in the celebration and register your team’s event [here](http://go.neefusa.org/eeweek-registration).
* **How is Climate Change impacting Minnesota?** Climate change will exacerbate a range of risks to the Great Lakes, including changes in the range and distribution of certain fish species, increased invasive species and harmful blooms of algae, and declining beach health.
* Connect with your coordinator about scheduling a spring site visit.
* Send in a photo of your team to be featured on the [team updates page](http://www.youthenergysummit.org/teams-2/2015-2016-yes-teams/). Your coordinator will work with you to make sure all students pictured have photo releases turned in.

YES! in the News

* [Westbrook-Walnut Grove’s YES! project is heating up: Solar Pop Can Heaters](http://www.youthenergysummit.org/wwg-yes-project-heating-up-solar-pop-can-heaters/)
* [Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City YES! team presented at the CERTs Energy Networking and Priority Setting event](http://www.youthenergysummit.org/shining-a-light-on-the-acgc-yes-teams-partnership-with-certs/)