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Announcements

* Remember to show your YES! pride at events by wearing your YES! t-shirts! If you need additional shirts, contact your coordinator today.
* Have your students take the [Winter Workshop survey](http://www.youthenergysummit.org/teams-2/2015-2016-yes-winter-workshop-survey/) if they haven’t already!

Professional Development Opportunities for Youth and Staff

* **Climate Generation’s 2016 Summer Institute:** The 2016 Summer Institute held June 21-24, 2016 will focus on their newest middle school curriculum resource: [Next Generation Climate](http://www.climategen.org/what-we-do/education/climate-change-and-energy-curricula/curriculum-guides/next-generation-climate-for-grades-6-8/). Participants will have the opportunity to:
	+ Hear from experts in climate science, climate change education, and Next Generation Science Standards.
	+ Engage with hands on activities that help bring climate concepts into the classroom and informal education settings.
	+ Learn about how Climate Generation curriculum supports language arts, social studies, and science standards, including the Next Generation Science Standards.
	+ Share how you have been implementing climate change education in your educational setting.
	+ Register [here](https://climategen.formstack.com/forms/2016summerinstituteforclimatechangeeducation) today for the early bird rate of $150!

Funding Opportunities

* Due April 1, 2016: The Minnesota Soybean Research and Promotion Council sponsors the annual Biodiesel Essay Scholarship contest to help raise awareness of this important and emerging alternative fuel in our state. It is open to all high school seniors in Minnesota who wish to continue their education after high school.  For more information, click [here](http://www.cleanairchoice.org/fuels/scholarship2016.cfm).
* Find additional funding opportunities on the Coaches Corner!

Coach Tips

* Due May 1, 2016: Your team can request a total of 1: up to $650 for District Expenses and 2. up to $700 for Project Seed Funds for payment from Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center (PWELC) via the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF).  Remember to provide proof of payment for District Expenses and receipts for Project Seed Funds!  Fill out the form [here](http://www.youthenergysummit.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Updated-YES-Coach-and-Project-Expense-Form-ENRTF-LCCMR-2015-2016.pdf).
* If you’re on Twitter or Facebook, we want to know! We’ll be sure to follow you and give your team the shout-out they deserve. You can find YES! on the following social media:
	+ Facebook: [www.facebook.com/youthenergysummit](http://www.facebook.com/youthenergysummit)
	+ Twitter: [www.twitter.com/YES\_youth](http://www.twitter.com/YES_youth)
	+ YouTube: [www.youtube.com/user/yesyouthenergysummit](http://www.youtube.com/user/yesyouthenergysummit)
	+ Instagram: [www.instagram.com/yes\_youth](http://www.instagram.com/yes_youth)
* **How is Minnesota being impacted by Climate Change?** The composition of the region’s forests is expected to change as rising temperatures drive habitats for many tree species northward. The role of the region’s forests as a net absorber of carbon is at risk from disruptions to forest ecosystems, in part due to climate change.
* **So what can YOU do about Climate Change?** Educate yourself! What do you know about climate change? Watch videos, read articles, take a class. Increase your knowledge to become climate literate.

YES! in the News

* YES! Program Manager Shelli-Kae Foster featured in [Minnesota Women in Energy series](http://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/blog/women-energy-shelli-kae-foster-youth-energy-summit)
* [Growing a Green Thumb](http://www.youthenergysummit.org/how-to-grow-a-green-thumb/) in Spicer, MN