



YES! Update 11.6.2017

Program Announcements

- Please see the great story on the Westbrook Walnut -Grove's YES! team about assisting Hurricane Harvey victims [here](#) – *Shelli-Kae Foster*

Regional Highlights

Northeast - We are still looking for a few more teams in the area, so if you know of any teachers who might be interested in joining YES! for the year please pass along their names. I will be trying to get out to meet with your team between now and the Holiday break, so let me know what days are good for a visit. - *Jim*

West Central - Looking to come visit teams as soon as possible! Let your coordinator know when your team is available before the holidays arrive! -*Ali*

Southern - The Westbrook-Walnut Grove team planned a black out day for Wednesday Oct 24th. They shut off all the lights in the buildings from 8:20-3:20 and had games and prizes for students and faculty. They are sending the money saved to the hurricane victims in Houston which was inspired by a former student that teaches there. - *Michelle*

Climate Change

- Animals at Risk from Climate Change – Poster – The complex interaction of biological traits and environmental conditions that cause a species to be susceptible to climate change and the basics of the carbon cycle are made simple and understandable through illustrations, symbols and brief explanatory text--thoroughly documented to reliable sources. To order or view all elements of the poster click [here](#).

State & National Grants & Other Opportunities

Register by November 25, 2017 - Project Polar Bear - an international competition among student groups who are taking action to fight climate change. With the guidance of an advisor, groups compete by creating a plan for a project that will help reduce reliance on fossil fuels and engage their communities. The top three high-scoring teams will receive a grant of \$1,000, \$750, and \$300 respectively to continue their projects. Learn more [here](#).

December 6, 2017 - *Good Food! Celebrating Champions of Food Access* - This event will feature innovative, community-based champions, including farmers markets, food shelves, food service, and those growing food. You don't want to miss this opportunity to connect directly with others from the region and exchange ideas about ways to ensure all community members have access to healthy, safe, and affordable food.

- Location: Marshall Area YMCA, 200 South A St., Marshall, MN ([map](#))
- Networking will start at 9:30 am. Program 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- Lunch will be provided free of charge

All are welcome!

- Mileage reimbursement will be available to reduce barriers to attendance for your or community partners. Please contact adybsett@umn.edu.
- Please [RSVP by clicking here](#) by Friday, December 1.

December 9, 2017 - *Climate Change and the Mississippi: Meet Us at the Confluence Workshop* - Discover the science, impacts, and solutions of climate change happening right here in the Midwest. Find out more and register for this workshop [here](#).

YES! in the News

- [Teachable Donation Aids Hurricane Harvey Victims](#)
- [Blackout Day shines light on student learning](#)

