



YES! Update 2.13.2017

## Program Announcements

- YES! is excited to welcome Cheryl Glaeser of Achieve Consulting, Inc. back to the YES! program. Cheryl was one of the founders of the program while she worked for the Southwest Initiative Foundation and was instrumental in making the program the success it is today. Cheryl will be guiding the implementation of our Fund Development Plan. – Shelli-Kae Foster/YES! Program Manager
- Team Reminders
  - Please be sure to have all liability release forms completed for students attending Winter Workshops

## Amazing Fact on Water

- About 6,800 gallons of water is required to grow a day's food for a family of four.
- 1/3 what the world spends on bottled water in one year could pay for projects providing water to everyone in need.

## Focus on Water Quality

- Organize a community paint exchange. People that have extra used paint can give it to others that may need paint. The paint then gets used instead of dumped into storm drains or illegally thrown away. (Also a good project for air pollution, as paint has some severe effects there as well.)

## Regional Highlights

**Northeast:** Plans are underway for the various winter workshops throughout this region. Tours of energy production sites, educational activities with younger students and tours of recycling facilities are some of the plans. If you have not reached out to Jim about what your team is interested in please do so quickly so we can get things moving.

**Northwest:** Teams are busy getting their projects started! Teams are also busy planning which Winter workshops they will attend.

**West Central:** So much hard working taking place in the West Central region! LQPV has been collecting shoes for World Wear and harvesting a lot from their greenhouse. YME is planning a community event with the mobile wall to raise money for their hydration station expansion.

**Southern:** Westbrook Walnut Grove YES! Team is collecting any or all pop tabs to donate 100% of the proceeds to the Ronald McDonald House. They are connecting the donation bins to the schools recycle bins and are making one for the community to be involved. They hope to have the donation bins up and ready for the community to donate by Valentine's Day.

## State & National Grants & Other Opportunities

- **Deadline February 23, 2017:** Population Education is conducting the World of 7 Billion Student Video Contest. Create a short video-up to 60 seconds-about human population growth that highlights one of the following global challenges: Climate Change, Ocean Health, or Rapid Urbanization. Find out more information [here.](#)
- **March 1, 2017:** Youth Climate Lobby Day and Summit with Governor Dayton at the State Capitol from 9:00am to 3:00pm. This day at the Capitol will be an excellent opportunity for students to learn first-hand about Minnesota's political system and participate directly in supporting racially + economically

just clean energy legislation. Travel support from students in Greater Minnesota is included. Learn more and register [here](#).

- **Ends March 3, 2017:** Clean Drinking Water Starts With Me! Poster Contest: The purpose of this poster contest is to provide students an opportunity to learn about actions our communities can take to keep our water resources clean and healthy. Utilize your creative talent to illustrate the importance of our water resources and how we can be good stewards of our water. Posters could emphasize water resource protection, the importance of clean drinking water to our lives and our communities here in Minnesota, and conservation efforts to keep our reservoirs and ground water clean and safe. Learn about prizes and more [here](#).
- **March 21, 2017:** Youth Day at the Capitol— YDAC is a **FREE** event connecting youth, educators, and youth workers around the legislative process through trainings on advocacy, civic engagement, and leadership. At the event you will hear from local celebrity change makers, meet with your legislator, and much more! Find out more and register for FREE [here](#).
- **Deadline April 21, 2017:** [2017 Map Competition \(My Minnesota Hometown\)](#) open to all middle and high school students. "**Minnesota on the Map**" ArcGIS Online Student map contest is OPEN! 5 student map winners will receive \$100 each in both middle (grades 6-8) and high school (grades 9-12) divisions. One middle and high school winner will also be entered into the [ArcGIS Online U.S. School Mapping competition](#) with a chance to go to the Esri User Conference in San Diego, CA.
- **May 20, 2017:** The [25<sup>th</sup> Annual Solar Boat Regatta](#) is happening at Riley Lake in Eden Prairie, MN. Build a solar boat and race against dozens of other teams from Minnesota!

## YES! in the News

- [Best Practices of Recycling Programs and Mitigating Climate Change](#)

