



YES! UPDATE 9.11.2017

Program Announcements

- **Start getting your project ideas together!** YES! we will again be offering \$ 1,000 in project seed funds from the McKnight Foundation for projects related to climate change and energy efficiency. This will be a competitive process that will be awarded to 15 projects. In addition, each team will have access to \$700 in other project seed funds and \$500 for district costs (sub & travel) to attend YES! events from the Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund. – *Shelli-Kae Foster*
- **Attend one of the Watts and Drops Coach Webinars hosted by CERTs (Clean Energy Resource Teams).** This is a great opportunity to learn about this fundraising and energy saving project. Two sessions will be held September 13th at 7:15 am and 3:30 pm. Click [here](#) to link to the meeting. Attached is a slide deck for the meeting.
- Please fill out the attached 2017-18 season registration form and email it to your coordinator if you have not already done so.
- Fall Summit Registration can now be completed on coach's corner or click [here](#). Please contact your coordinator with any questions.

Regional Highlights

West Central/Central: New London-Spicer's YES! team will be teaching 4th graders about what they spent their summer doing (AIS searching) and how it can help protect their local lakes. *Ali Dahmes*

North East: Mark your calendars for the Fall Summit on October 16th. It will be a good day with a mix of learning and activity. Teams will also have time to plan with your team for the upcoming year. See you then if not before. *Jim DeVries*

Southern: I love seeing the excitement during my team visits! It is so much fun getting to meet the new team members and coaches, as well as rekindling the enthusiasm with returning students and coaches. I know that there are going to be some amazing accomplishments this year and I can't wait to help in every way I can. *Michelle Isaacson*

North West: I am excited to see everyone at the Fall Summit on October 16th! We are continuing to add teams in the North West Region- it is exciting to see all the excitement for YES! *Monica Thompson*

State & National Grants & Other Opportunities

- Compete in CERTs Solar Video Contest – put together up to 3 solar videos and submit by October 24th. Learn more about this opportunity [here](#).
- Recycling Association of Minnesota (RAM) has many recycling bins for sale around \$40-\$60 per bin. Contact Brita Sailer with any questions at brita@recycleminnesota.org.
- Seed Grant Funding Available for Minnesota Clean Energy Projects - *Proposals for community-based projects due Oct. 20, 2017*. For more information, please click [here](#).