



2017 Fall Summit Session Descriptions

Say YES! to Green Living!

Keynote: Career Talks

We will hear 5 minute talks from 5 experts in the fields of waste reduction, renewable energy, green building and more about: 1) what they do on a daily/weekly/monthly basis; 2) what led them to their career choice; 3) how students can attain a career in their field, and 4) how all of us can inspire to “Say YES! to Living Green.”

Get Current!

Learn about energy conservation and the Saving Watts and Drops Fundraiser program. This program was developed by Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) and is a great way to promote sustainability while making money for future projects. Students will expand their knowledge of resource saving devices and how they can get them into the hands of community members, furthering the team’s sustainable impact.

The Climate is Changing. Are You?

This session combines climate science with how to host a successful community climate convening. Students will learn the components of an event and how to effectively include the community.

Pushing Your Limits

This session will be held during lunch and will include the choice of the mobile climbing wall or the big canoe. Initiative games will be held in the Great Hall in the case of bad weather.

Waste Not

Doug Lien, Tri-County Solid Waste Director, will walk us through best practices of reducing lunchroom waste through composting and recycling projects. He will also demonstrate how to impact behavior change in peers. Hands-on activities, lively stories and tips from other YES! teams on “how to” successfully reduce school waste will be the focus of this session.

You Are My Sunshine

Join YES! and local experts as we learn about and explore solar energy in Minnesota. We’ll hear about how schools are getting involved and engage in a hands-on activity to explore the power of the sun.

Water, water, everywhere, we really need to care!

This session will review what a “healthy” ecosystem should contain, what a native shoreline should be composed of, and will include water quality testing methods. They will also review common aquatic invasive species and how to identify them compared to native species.

YES! Coach Meeting

Join other YES! coaches to learn what is new this season including the Project Guides, project seed fund opportunities, and the Watts & Drops Fundraising opportunity. There will be time for coaches to share project ideas & tips, learn from each other, and make plans for a successful 2017-18 season! Lunch will be provided in the meeting room while students eat in the cafeteria with YES! staff.