



YES! Update 4.23.2018

Program Announcements

- I hope everyone had a nice Earth Day! We are excited to announce our new logo, name and website! After much discussion and survey feedback from stakeholders, YES! has changed its acronym definition from Youth Energy Summit to **Youth Eco Solutions**. We believe this better represents the YES! of today and embodies our mission and vision. Please help spread the word and check out our new website at www.yesmn.org. My new e-mail is shelli-kae@yesmn.org. ~ Shelli-Kae Foster, Program Manager

Regional Highlights

Northeast – There will be two different Climate Convening's in the NE, we would like to invite everyone to come and participate. The First is May 4th at the Four Seasons supper club in Carlton MN. The second one is May 11th at the Eagles Club in Grand Rapids MN. Both events start at 5:30. Looking forward to seeing you there. -*Jim*

West Central – It finally feels like spring and regional spring judging is **THIS WEDNESDAY** April 25th. Make sure your final report and PowerPoint are complete and have been emailed to me (new email is ali@yesmn.org) -*Ali*

Southern - The Southern region's Winter Workshops have finally wrapped up, ending with a bang. It was an incredible experience learning about seeds and a local Makerspace. Check out the blog page to read more about what the students experienced. The seeds we planted have even sprouted already!-*Michelle*

State & National Grants & Other Opportunities

DREAM BIG Contest - We're asking gardeners age 0-18 to tell us about their dream garden using words, artwork, song, or media (really, the sky's the limit!). What grows, who visits, and why do you love it? Entries can be submitted by individuals, or as a group or class. Each week we'll choose a favorite entry to receive a prize package provided by our friends at [Gardener's Supply](#), and at the end of the month we'll award two grand prize winners – one to an individual and one to a group or class – with a \$250 gift card to Gardener's Supply to help their dreams become reality.

- [Check out the complete contest rules and details on how to enter.](#)

Earth Month is the perfect time to bring climate science to your classroom. **Our Climate Our Future** is an award-winning video experience that educates young people on the science of climate change and empowers them to take action.

- Play Our Climate Our Future [here](#) for a chance to win \$1,000

