



YES! Update 12.3.2018

## Program Announcements

- **\$50 Finder Fee!** Recruit a coach/school to host a YES! team and YES! will give you a \$50 VISA gift card. We hope to bring this award-winning program to a few more schools this season. We appreciate your help! ~Shelli-Kae Foster
- **New teams-** Please have all students complete the [Pre-Assessment Survey](#)
- **All teams-** Please complete the [Winter Workshop Preference Survey](#) if you haven't done so already!

## Regional Highlights

**Laurentian Environmental Center** –The Northern Lights Community School YES! team has purchased their hydration station and will be installing the station soon. To help save single-use water bottles from being used, the team is making posters to help promote the new hydration station for their fellow student body. ~Sam Horner

**Ney Nature Center** –The Springfield YES! team plans on being a part of the Adopt-a-Highway program. This is a great way to help their community and to get their team's name out there. ~Sophie Bishop

**Prairie Woods ELC** –The Sartell Middle School YES! team is learning about aquatic invasive species, writing peer lessons about the topic, and researching how to prevent their spread. As part of the peer lessons, they will be learning about the drain down of Little Rock Lake, which will affect the Mississippi River water level in Sartell. Also, New London-Spicer Middle School YES! team is having their bake sale fundraiser on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 11:00am - 2pm at the Kandi Mall in Willmar. ~Taylor Templer

**Metro** –The Forest Lake High School YES! team is planning a number of projects for this year which include: recycling Christmas lights, applying for Green Ribbon Schools Award, updating the B3 Benchmarking program for their high school, and working on a policy to use reusable silverware for their school lunch. Minnetonka High School has been researching features for their solar greenhouse, and doing a site analysis for the projects location. ~Tom McDougall

## Tips/Resources from Climate Generation

Climate Change 101 with Bill Nye the Science Guy- The famous scientist cuts through the global warming noise and lays out the facts, watch the video [HERE!](#)

## Grants and Other Opportunities

**Due 12.14.18 - McKnight Project Seed Funding Requests (Round 2)** If your team has a climate change or energy related project, fill out the [application](#) and send to [sayyes@yesmn.org](mailto:sayyes@yesmn.org) by December 14<sup>th</sup> to receive up to \$500.

**Due 1.11.19 - The Green Ribbon Schools Award** from the U.S. Department of Education honors schools, districts and higher education institutions that save energy and reduce operating costs, create environmentally friendly learning spaces, promote student health, and incorporate environmental sustainability into the curriculum. Find the application [here](#).

## In the News

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