



YES! Update 1.7.2019

## Program Announcements

- **All teams-** Please complete the [2019 Winter Workshop Selections Survey](#) by January 18<sup>th</sup>!
- **New teams-** Please have all students complete the [Pre-Assessment Survey](#)
- **YES! long sleeve shirts in white and short sleeve in beige** are available for **\$5.00!** Contact your coordinators to order!

## Regional Highlights

**Laurentian Environmental Center** –Happy New Year from the NE Region! After meeting with all the teams it is exciting to see all the great work that is being done with Energy Efficiency at Carlton and Water Conservation at Northern Lights Community School. ~Sam Horner

**Ney Nature Center** – This year the Westbrook-Walnut Grove YES! team is continuing to increase their recycling efforts. They will be conducting recycling education at sports events and throughout the community. Also, to beautify the recycled cans container they are asking the community to come up with ideas and plan to work on it as a collaborative project. ~Sophie Bishop

**Prairie Woods ELC** – YES! was awarded \$3,400 to complete Aquatic Invasive Species surveying in the West Central Area, these funds will provide hands-on training from local professionals, water quality monitoring, and water quality improvement projects. YES! teams will participate in on-water and shoreline activities to protect and improve local water quality. Activities will include taking photos of invasive and native species, retrieving trash from waterways, collecting water temperature and secchi disk readings. Activities off the water will include educating the public about invasive species, water quality, how to properly decontaminate boats and waterfront equipment, and report their findings throughout the program. If you wish to join in on the AIS fun contact me @ [ali@yesmn.org](mailto:ali@yesmn.org)! ~Taylor Templer

**Metro** –Congratulations to the Minnetonka YES! team which was awarded a \$5,000 grant to design and construct their Solar Green House project from the MN Department of Commerce’s Energy Education at the Local Level Grant Program. On January 7th the team will be attending a Solar Greenhouse Workshop, to see a presentation by Nick Byram who constructed and operated a commercial scale Solar Greenhouse near Cold Spring, MN that requires no supplemental heat throughout the winter. The students will also be presenting their designs for their project. The Forest Lake team has updated the B3 Benchmarking program for their high school and finalizing their submission for the Green Ribbon School Award. ~Tom McDougall

## Tips/Resources from Climate Generation

**Clean Jobs in MN 2018 Executive Summary-** “Minnesota is home to 59,079 clean energy jobs.” Click [here](#) to read more!

## Grants and Other Opportunities

**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](#).

**On 3.30.19 - Youth in Educational Leadership Summit (YELS)** will be held on March 30th at Patrick Henry High School for an exciting day full of trainings and workshops designed and facilitated by students across Minnesota grades 8-12. For more information visit [The Minnesota Youth Council](#) or click [here](#) to register.

