



YES! Update 2.18.2019

## Program Announcements

YES! **Winter Workshops** are in full swing! Remember your team can attend more than one and you can submit for reimbursement for your substitute teacher and travel costs up to \$500. ~Shelli-Kae Foster, Program Director

Tom McDougall has developed a hour and a half “**All Things Energy**” presentation, covering sources of energy, a historic review of how energy has been generated, what it has been used for, how much has been used geographically, and what is the impact of energy consumption on our environment. The presentation closes with what actions we can take to reduce the impact energy consumption has on our environment. **If your YES! team has interest in this subject, Tom can travel to your school to provide the presentation, please contact Tom at [tom@mcdougall.us](mailto:tom@mcdougall.us)**

## Regional Highlights

**Laurentian Environmental Center** – Wrenshall High School had the first Winter Workshop of the year our teams. We visited Lake Superior College to tour their campus and we learned about their Welding and Machinist programs. With the information they received, it will help them with their Solar Boat and Super High Mileage projects. We are looking forward to our other two workshops coming up on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and February 26<sup>th</sup>. ~Sam Horner

**Prairie Woods ELC** – The Water is Life Workshop has been rescheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup> at Saint John’s University. This will be an exciting workshop with local experts that will share their insights on water quality and what attending YES! teams can do in their community to help our local water bodies. ~Taylor Templer

**Ney Nature Center** – The next winter workshop will be on February 27 in Sleepy Eye. We will have CERTs and Sleepy Eye Utilities talking about energy conservation, doing a fun activity/competition around insulation, and then going on a tour of the utilities including the solar array. If you didn’t already sign up and want to join, please contact me! ~Sophie Bishop

**Metro** – Congratulations to the Forest Lake YES! team for being selected as a State of MN Green Ribbon School. 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. Only 4 schools are selected in the state each year, and now Forest Lake will go onto the National Green Ribbon School award competition. We wish them all the best! ~Tom McDougall

## Events/Opportunities

**March 20<sup>th</sup> – *Heathy Soils = Healthy Lives*** workshop at Gustavus Adolphus College. Cost to YES! teams is \$10/student. The day features Nobel speaker David Montgomery on the importance of healthy soils, Climate Generation on how climate change is impacted by soil, hands-on activities with Gustavus students and more! Click [here](#) to register!

**March 30<sup>th</sup> – *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.

