



YES! Update 2.4.2019

## Program Announcements

Reminder to start working on your **YES! website**. We hope the website format will streamline the process of the final report. There are tips on the Student and Coaches Corner of the YES! website. Passcode: sayyes!

**Transportation, substitute teacher, breakfast & lunch all paid for** by the Rydell Foundation for the **March 20<sup>th</sup>** “Heathy Soils = Healthy Lives” workshop at Gustavus Adolpus 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!

**Recycle used markers** in your school in 4 easy steps! Click [here](#) for more information!

## Regional Highlights

**Laurentian Environmental Center** – Due to the extreme cold temperatures this past week, we had to reschedule one of our Winter Workshops. We are excited for the other workshops that we have planned for February. ~Sam Horner

**Ney Nature Center** – Our next winter workshop is on February 13, 2019 at the Ney Nature Center. We will have experts from Sibley and Le Sueur Soil and Water Conservation District talk about water quality and prairie restoration. If you haven’t signed up for this workshop and would like to attend, please contact me as soon as possible. ~Sophie Bishop

**Prairie Woods ELC** –Due to the extreme cold temperatures this past week, we had to reschedule the Water is Life Workshop at Saint John’s University on January 30<sup>th</sup>, we will let you know when we find a new date! ~Taylor Templer

**Metro** –The Minnetonka YES! team and student members of the Minnetonka Vantage group are starting a unit learning track on energy in February. On February 8<sup>th</sup>, I will provide an energy lecture, 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 its impact on our environment. The presentation will close with what actions we can take to reduce the impact energy consumption has on our environment. ~Tom McDougall

## Other Opportunities

**March 30<sup>th</sup> – Youth in Educational Leadership Summit (YELS)** will be held on March 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**April 10 – River Heroes Workshop** is an intensive workshop being offered as part of the Green Schools Conference. The event is by Captain Planet and seeks to bring together young people to connect with each other as River Heroes, passionate about protecting water, and the living things that depend on healthy rivers. Click [here](#) for more information.

**Summer 2019** – 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. If you wish to join in on the AIS fun contact me @ [ali@yesmn.org](mailto:ali@yesmn.org)

