



YES! Update 3.18.2019

Program Announcements

Be sure to check out the [YES! blog posts](#)! Lots of great stories and photos from our 2019 winter workshop series.
~Shelli-Kae Foster, Program Director

Regional Highlights

Laurentian Environmental Center – Our Spring Judging for the Northeast region will be held on April 25. We are looking forward to a great day and cannot wait to see the progress and accomplishments that our YES! teams have done this year. ~Sam Horner

Prairie Woods ELC – Congratulations to the New London-Spicer High School YES! team on being awarded \$5,500 from the Pollinator Partnership grant from Pheasants Forever! ~Taylor Templer

Ney Nature Center – Congrats to the New Prague team who received a \$5,500 grant from SHIP for 3 agriscapes, container gardens, and other plants/materials for their Community Green Day. The Community Green Day will be on Saturday, May 11th 9am-12pm. ~Sophie Bishop

Metro – The Forest Lake YES! team will hold a Climate Convening with Climate Generation on April 11th from 3 PM to 6 PM at the High School. The Minnetonka YES! team has started development of their second project – an Aquaponics Grow Tower. ~Tom McDougall

Events/Opportunities

March 20th – *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 21st – *Water is Life* workshop at Saint John's University is the **last YES! workshop** of 2019! There will be presentations on Water Quality/Watershed Model with Phil Votruba (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency), Nitrate Testing with Amanda Guertin (Benton Soil & Water Conservation District) and Aquatic Invasive Species/Transmission Lab with Adam Hjelm (Sauk River Watershed District)!

March 30th – *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.

April 8th – YES! Will be presenting “Getting to Green in MN” with Edison High School and Rivers Edge Academy at the 2019 **National Green Schools Conference**, April 8 from 2:45-3:45. Click [here](#) for more!

May 12th – YES! State Award Ceremony on Target Field at the Twins game!

Summer Youth Corps is a great opportunity to get involved with conservation projects, get job experience in environmental fields, support Minnesota's natural areas, and have a lot of fun. It is a 4 week or 8 week program in which you receive a \$250 stipend each week. Food, lodging, and transportation is included in the program. Check out their [website](#) if you are interested!