



YES! Update 3.4.2019

## Program Announcements

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! Let me know if you plan to attend the conference. **I would love to have you join me during the session!** ~Shelli-Kae Foster, Program Director

**Special opportunity!** Tom McDougall, Architect and Engineer, and former President of the Weidt Group, Inc. will come to your school to present a one hour “**All Things Energy**” presentation and interactive session. Tom gives a thorough and engaging overview of sources of energy, historical and present-day generation of energy, and who uses it. Tom includes insightful stories and scientific data to demonstrate how energy use impacts our environment and draws from his expertise and real-life experiences to provide eye opening facts, leaving students with inspiring actions we can all take to reduce our energy footprint. Contact Tom to schedule a presentation at your school at [tom@mcdougall.us](mailto:tom@mcdougall.us)

## Regional Highlights

**Laurentian Environmental Center** – All our Winter Workshops have been completed and they were all very successful. If you are interested in hearing about them, look at our YES! [blog](#) to hear all about them. ~Sam Horner

**Prairie Woods ELC** – The Water is Life Workshop has been rescheduled for March 21<sup>st</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. Please contact me if you would like to join! ~Taylor Templer

**Ney Nature Center** – Sleepy Eye, Springfield, and Westbrook-Walnut Grove YES! teams did a recycling program for holiday lights this winter. They recycled over 600 pounds of holiday lights from their communities that would have otherwise ended up in the landfill! ~Sophie Bishop

**Metro** – The Minnetonka YES! and Global Sustainability Vantage team attended the “All Things Energy” presentation and had a number of great questions regarding energy and our climate. The teams also took a field trip to the Sparky Urban Agriculture workshop in northeast Minneapolis, and learned all about aquaponics grow towers, where live fish provide the nutrients to grow micro greens inside. ~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.

**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!