

YES! **Update** 5.1.2019

Program Updates from Shelli-Kae, Program Director

- YES! Expense Reports for reimbursement of transportation 1sts and project seed funds for water quality related projects **Due May 17**. YES! Expense Report attached or go to Coaches Corner (password: sayyes!)
- Join us for the YES! State Championship, **May 12** at the Twins Game. Contact your coordinator to reserve tickets by May 3. Cost is \$22 each.

Regional Awards

Laurentian Environmental Center – Congratulations to the NE Regional Champions!

• 1st place: Northern Light Community School

2nd place: Carlton
 3rd place: Wrenshall

A big "Thank You!" to Lake Country Power for their generosity for supporting the prize awards. -Sam Horner, Northeast Coordinator

Prairie Woods ELC – Congratulations to the West Central/Northwest Regional Champions!

• 1st place: Sartell Middle School

• 2nd place: New London-Spicer Middle School

• 3rd place: Lac qui Parle Valley High School & ROCORI High School

• Water Stewardship Award: New London-Spicer High School

A big "Thank You" to United Way of West-Central MN, Kandiyohi Power Cooperative, Walmart Community Foundation, and Bernicks for supporting the prize awards. -Taylor Templer, West Central Coordinator

Ney Nature Center — Congratulations to the Southern/Metro Regional Champions!

• 1st place: Sleepy Eye

• 2nd place: Westbrook-Walnut Grove

• 3rd place: Minnetonka

Water Stewardship Award: New Prague

A big "Thank You" to Ney Nature Center for sponsoring the prize awards this year! -Sophie Bishop, Southern Coordinator & Tom McDougall, Metro YES! Coordinator

Opportunities

Dates are now set for the University of Minnesota's Minnesota Deep Winter Greenhouse field days scheduled for the upcoming season. Dates include May 4: Pillager, MN, May 28: Bemidji, MN, and June 8: Finland, MN.

<u>Big Ideas for a Sustainable MN</u>, a partnership between District Energy St. Paul and the St. Paul Saints, is a chance for your school to promote sustainability and storytelling. Submit a video of your vision for a better Minnesota and a better planet by **May 17, 2019**! The grand prize is \$5,000 for the school with the winning team.

In the News

<u>Students Attend Soil Health Workshop</u>
YES! Presents at 2019 National Green Schools Conference