



YES! Update 8.20.2019

## Program Announcements

Our YES! project “YES! Students Take on Water Quality Challenges – Phase II” has advanced to the final stage of the 2020 LCCMR process. There were 270 projects submitted, 126 were invited to present in June, and now 77 are being asked to submit a work plan and budget for consideration of funding for 2020-2022. Thank you to all who wrote a letter of support! ~Shelli-Kae Foster, Program Director

## Regional Highlights

**Laurentian Environmental Center**– We are looking forward to a new year of YES! with some new and old faces to the Northeast! ~Sam Horner, Northeast Coordinator

**Prairie Woods ELC**– Welcome back! I am so excited for this upcoming YES! season! I hope you all had a great summer. ~Taylor Templer, West Central Coordinator

**Ney Nature Center**– I have decided to take a position at the Deep Portage Learning Center to pursue my dream of being an environmental educator. I appreciate all the support from everyone in the YES! program. Contact [sayyes@yesmn.org](mailto:sayyes@yesmn.org) for information about the open position! ~Sophie Bishop, Southern Coordinator

**Metro**– I would like to welcome all the old and new metro teams to the YES! 2019/2020 season. I’m looking forward to hearing about your project ideas this year. ~Tom McDougall, Metro Coordinator

## Events/Opportunities

**2019 YES! Fall Summit**– October 9<sup>th</sup> at Prairie Woods ELC in Spicer, MN 8:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. Join us to kick off our YES! season with hands-on activities, local experts, project ideas, and a lot of FUN!

**“Climate Changed” Nobel Conference**– September 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN. This awesome event is *free* to high school students who want to attend. Contact your coordinator if your team is interested in attending! More information on the conference [here](#)!

**CERTs (Clean Energy Resource Teams)**– Accepting applications for clean energy projects that encourage community-based clean energy projects, spur projects that are highly visible and replicable, or provide a forum for community education. Deadline: October 11, 2019. Download the application [here](#)!

**Minnesota Solar Video Contest**– Submit solar videos by October 10. Videos with the most public votes win: \$1,000 for 1st, \$600 for 2nd, and \$400 for 3rd. Awards presented Oct. 22 at MnSEIA Annual Conference! Click [here](#) for more information!

## In the News

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