

YES! Update 9.16.2019

Program Announcements

A **BIG THANK YOU** to Rachel Rigenhagen (YES! Coach for Lac qui Parle Valley) and to the 8 YES! students who presented to 20 commissioners about their projects and the importance of the program to them and their school. They did a great job representing their school, community and YES!. ~Shelli-Kae Foster, Program Director

Reminders

Order t-shirts here! (Deadline: September 20th)

Register for the Fall Summit here!

Complete the 2019-20 Registration Form and send to your coordinator!

Have students complete the 2019 Pre-Assessment Survey!

Regional Highlights

Laurentian Environmental Center– We are two weeks away from the NE Fall Summit on Sept. 30! We are gearing up for a great event. ~Sam Horner, Northeast Coordinator

Prairie Woods ELC– Welcome Minnewaska School District to the YES! program! We look forward to working with you! I was also interviewed by Prairie Sportsman Host Bret Amundson on his Sporting Journal Radio, click <u>here</u> to listen! ~Taylor Templer, West Central Coordinator

Ney Nature Center- Welcome First Lutheran Church- Youth Group from St. Peter to the YES! program!

Metro– The new World Learner YES! team in Chaska will have a parent/student team meeting on September 17th at 7 pm to kick off their first YES! team meeting for the year. Currently the team is planning to attend the YES! Fall Summit on October 9th as well as the Nobel Climate Conference at Gustavus Adolphus on September 25th. ~Tom McDougall, Metro Coordinator

Events/Opportunities

2019 YES! Fall Summit October 9th 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!

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 <u>here</u> for more information!

CERTs (Clean Energy Resource Teams)– Accepting applications for clean energy projects that encourage communitybased 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 <u>here</u>!

2019 Fall Funding Opportunities for Farm to School- Click here to see the farm to school funding opportunities!

