



YES! Update 10.21.2019

Program Announcements

A big THANK YOU to Waste Management (WM) for supporting YES! through their Think Green grant program. YES! received \$5,000 to provide project seed funds related to waste reduction and to promote recycling best practices throughout Minnesota. ~Shelli-Kae Foster, Program Director

Regional Highlights

Northeast (Laurentian Environmental Center) – Now that the Fall Summit is over, the real work begins. Carlton is looking to replace their milk cartons with bulk dispensers, and one project that Harbor City International School is considering is to help clean up Duluth with Beach Sweeps. I will be visiting all the schools in the coming weeks to see how much progress is being made. ~Sam Horner

West Central (Prairie Woods ELC) – Join us on October 25th for Prairie Woods ELC's annual Halloween Haunt at 6 PM. ~Taylor Templer

Southern (Ney Nature Center) – The southern region welcomes our newest YES! team, First Lutheran Church in St. Peter! Intern pastor Miranda Joebgen will coach this team of 7th and 8th grade students as part of their confirmation class. ~Deb Groebner

Metro – Both the World Learner YES! team and the Rockford YES! team attended the Fall Summit, where they received a lot of information to help them develop a plan for their projects this year. ~Tom McDougall

Northwest – Royalton and Discovery Woods Montessori schools joined us at the Fall Summit to jump start their projects! ~Shelli-Kae Foster

Events

November 8, 2019 MnSTA conference (MNCOSE) Stop by our YES! booth and say "Hi!"

November 16, 2019 Climate Generation is hosting, [Band Together](#). Great music for a great organization!

Fall Summit Recap

Congratulations to Springfield High School for having the least amount of lunch waste (awarded \$50)!

Eco Projects – Students rotated to three sessions related to waste management, energy conservation, and local foods.

Water Quality – Students took water samples from canoe and test those samples back on shore!

Prairie Project – Students stood on some of the last native prairie and helped spread seeds on a restoration site.

Keynote Speaker – Sydney Bauer gave an entertaining and enlightening talk on how building relationships is key to getting sustainability projects done!

Check out the [photos](#) and [blog](#) from the Fall Summit!

In the News

[Northeast Fall Summit](#)

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