



YES! Update 2.17.2020

## Program Update

We'd like to hear what the 50th year of Earth Day means to you! We invite coaches and students to submit a blog post on our website. Click [here](#) to submit yours!

## Regional Highlights

**Northeast (Laurentian Environmental Center)** – The Harbor City International YES! Team just attended their Winter Workshop at the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District. Check out our blog to see what they were up to on Friday! ~Sam Horner

**West Central (Prairie Woods ELC)** – The New London-Spicer High School YES! team did a winter planting in their parking lot prairie by spreading seeds in the snow. The freezing and thawing of the soil will help work the seed into the soil so it is ready to germinate when warmer weather arrives! ~Taylor Templer

**Southern (Ney Nature Center)** – Learn about “harnessing soil, water, renewable energy and healthy ecosystems to fight against climate change” at the Watershed and Climate Summit being hosted by the Izaak Walton League on **March 7<sup>th</sup>**. The event will be in Bloomington at Normandale Community College but based on the amazing agenda it may be worth the trip! Adults pay \$35 and student tickets are only \$15; lunch is included. To register or learn more, click [here](#)! ~Deb Groebner

**Metro** – Project Earth/YES!, the environmental club of Edina High School invites you to the 4th annual Youth Climate Summit on Saturday, April 25th, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. The first part of the summit will have a panel of representatives, local leaders, and experts including Assistant Professor Daniel Griffen from the University of Minnesota, State Representative Heather Edelson, and more. Following the panel, there will be a series of short workshops on plastic alternatives, adopt an endangered animal, plant-based and vegetarian, solar, deforestation, bees, and climate justice. The Project Earth/ YES! team wants to reach out to student team leaders to make contact and invite as many YES! teams to the Summit as possible. ~Tom McDougall

**Northwest** – Royalton YES! students are working on designing and building 2 e-bikes to demonstrate and encourage alternative modes of transportation! They plan to take the e-bikes, along with past e-bikes and ride along the Mississippi River pathways this spring. ~Shelli-Kae Foster

## Upcoming YES! Events 2020

<b>February 26</b>	“Southern Prairies” workshop at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall
<b>March 11</b>	“Help Our Waters” workshop at Prairie Woods ELC in Spicer
<b>March 18</b>	“Renewable Energy” workshop at St. Johns University
<b>April 15</b>	“What Will You Drive?” workshop at South Central Service Cooperative in North Mankato
<b>April 21</b>	West Central/Northwest Regional Judging via Zoom
<b>April 21</b>	Northeast Regional Judging via Zoom
<b>April 23</b>	Southern/Metro Regional Judging via Zoom
<b>April 25</b>	Edina Youth Climate Summit at 10:00 AM-2:00 PM at
<b>May 10</b>	YES! State Championship awards at the Minnesota Twins Game

## Other Events/Resources

[Schoolyard Gardens Conference 2020](#) at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chaska MN – **March 6<sup>th</sup>**

[2020 Safe Drinking Water Poster Contest](#) – **March 6<sup>th</sup> Deadline**

[MN GreenStep Schools](#) – Be one of the first to sign up! Goal is to have 50 schools and resource organizations sign up by the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day!

## YES! News

[YES! Alumni Spotlight: Kai Storvick](#)