





YES! Update 4.13.2020

YES! Daily Challenge

We loved sharing the daily YES! challenges with you so much we thought we would keep it going to celebrate Earth Day coming up! Take a photo that represents how you met this challenge and send to taylor@yesmn.org or post it on Facebook or Instagram with the tag #YESdailychallenge. Don't forget to follow us on social media! Please share our social media handles with your students so they can join in on the fun!

 Youth Eco Solutions – YES

 @youth_eco_solutions

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YES! Project Seed Funds

Teams can submit for reimbursement for project costs and/or district expenses incurred prior to school closing or if you can still complete your project this year or if you started it this year and intend to complete it in the fall of 2020. It is important for me to know the amount you intend to submit reimbursement for by May 1st, 2020. If you have questions on reimbursement, contact Shelli-Kae at 320-441-9254 or shelli-kae@yesmn.org.

YES! Key Dates

May 7th – Submit Final Report and Visual (ppt, website, video, etc) to your coordinator to participate in regional competition

May 1st – Due date to let your coordinator know if you will be submitting for reimbursement and how much

May 18th – Regional Winners will be announced in YES! Update & invite sent to attend State Championship at Twin's game (date TBD)

June 1st – Due date for expense report, receipts for reimbursement & final report (if not participating in competition) due

CERTs Opportunity – April 29, 11:30 – 12:15

Imagine this headline in the near future: "All Schools in Minnesota Utilize Solar Power" - It might not be so far off. Most schools in Minnesota do not currently have solar, but there has never been a better time for them to take advantage of clean energy opportunities. A dramatic drop in the cost of solar panels, combined with new financing choices, has now made solar widely available. [CERTs](#) has been working with schools across the state to make solar a reality for years, and in the process, has developed unbiased tools and resources for other schools to utilize free of charge. Tools for site selection, requests for proposals, state contracts, calculators, and more are online and ready to use. Not only are schools saving taxpayer dollars, but they are helping to promote solar across the community and incorporating solar into the curriculum. CERTs is hosting a webinar on **April 29th from 11:30 – 12:15 PM** to learn more about solar on schools. This webinar will cover best practices, tools and resources, and case studies of schools making renewable energy a reality. Contact your coordinator if you can join us!

YES! Project Resource Feature – Water Quality & Conservation

We've updated our YES! Project Resources pages and will be featuring a new page each week! Here is a glance at the Water Quality & Conservation page, please visit the [Student and Coaches Corner](#) of our website (passcode: sayes!) to check it out!

YES! Resources:

YES! Project Guide: Carbon Water and Climate Change

YES! Project Guide: Water Conservation Plan

Other Resources:

Adopt-A-Drain – Keep our street drains clean of debris and sediment to keep our lakes and rivers healthy

Citizen Water Monitoring – Volunteer as a water monitor for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Aquatic Invasive Species Detector – Become a Aquatic Invasive Species Detector for the University of Minnesota

Videos:

Chasing Rivers, Part 1: The Colorado Nat Geo Live (24 min)

Chasing Rivers, Part 2: The Ganges Nat Geo Live (24 min)

Suggested Books:

Replenish by Sandra Postel

The Death and Life of the Great Lakes by Dan Egan