



YES! Update 4.20.2020

### Earth Week!

We celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day on Wednesday! The first Earth Day was on April 22, 1970 when 20 million Americans (10% of the U.S. population at the time) protested the state of our environment and demanded protections! Here we are 50 years later still fighting for the health of our planet! Join us in celebrating Earth Day by taking part in our daily challenges, thinking about environmental impact, and changing behavior!

### YES! Daily Challenge

This week will be our final week of doing the daily YES! challenges! Take a photo that represents how you met the challenge and send to [taylor@yesmn.org](mailto: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!

### YES! Key Dates

**April 29<sup>th</sup>** – [CERTs](#) is hosting a webinar 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!

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

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

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** – Virtual Electric Vehicle (EV) Workshop – provide student e-mails your coordinator and we will send them an invite to attend!

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

**June 1<sup>st</sup>** – Due date for expense report, receipts for reimbursement & final report (if not participating in competition)

### YES! Project Resource Feature – Climate Change

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

### Resources:

- [Climate Central](#) – Maps, graphics, and easy to read climate data
- [Climate Generation](#) – Building climate literacy and action in Minnesota among educators, youth, and the broader public through events, education, and activism
- [Youth Action Ideas](#) – by Climate Generation
- [Climate Change in Minnesota: 23 signs](#) – Article showing how the state's climate has changed in recent decades

- **NOAA Climate Resilience Toolkit** – Find information and tools to help you understand and address your climate risks
- **Gikinoo’wizhiwe Onji Waaban (Guiding for Tomorrow) or “G-WOW”**
- **G-WOW Model Presentation** – How is Minnesota’s Climate Changing? Investigating Climate Change Using the G-WOW Model
- **G-WOW Activity Template** – Use this for students’ connection to climate change
- **Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment** – Created by the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission to assess climate change impacts on MN plants and animals
- **Climate Change Vulnerability of Culturally Important Beings** – Fun activity to do with students or adults

#### **Videos:**

- **Climate Change 101 with Bill Nye the Science Guy** (5 min)

#### **Suggested Books:**

- **The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History** by Elizabeth Kolbert
- **The Uninhabitable Earth: Life After Warming** by David Wallace-Wells
- **No One Is Too Small to Make a Difference** by Greta Thunberg