



YES! Update 4.27.2020

Program Update

Thank you for participating in the YES! Daily Challenge! Taylor was sent many fun photos that she shared on Facebook and Instagram. We appreciate you celebrating Earth Day week with us!

Team Website Refresh for 2020 – If you are doing a website for your judging visual and want to use your existing website but want to save last year's website, [HERE](#) are instructions on how to do it.

YES! Key Dates

April 29th – [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! Please click [HERE](#) to join the webinar, contact us for call-in-only information!

May 1st – Due date to let your coordinator know if you will be submitting for project seed funds or travel reimbursement and how much. You have until June 1 to make purchases, but it will help us to know what to expect.

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

May 12th – Virtual Electric Vehicle (EV) Workshop – Join other YES! coaches and students online to learn about electric vehicles and the environmental impacts of our transportation choices during the *What will you drive?* Workshop! Individual participants should register [HERE](#) by noon on Monday, May 11th. Thank you so much for encouraging students to register, prepare (see Get Ready to Share), and participate in our first virtual YES! workshop! The workshop agenda is attached.

May 18th – Regional Winners will be announced in YES! Update

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

YES! Project Resource Feature – Land Restoration & Habitat

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

YES! Resources:

- [YES! Project Guide: Pollinator Garden](#)

Other Resources:

Native Prairies

- [Prairie Map of Minnesota](#) – A Map showing Minnesota's remaining native prairie a century after the Public Land Survey
- [Prairie Roots Poster](#) – A great visual to show native MN prairie roots and their benefits
- [Why do we burn prairies?](#) – The importance of burning
- [Planting and maintaining a prairie garden](#) – University of MN Extension
- Find native MN seeds here:

- [Prairie Restorations Inc.](#)
- [Morning Sky Greenery](#)
- [Minnesota Native Landscapes](#)

Pollinators

- [What are pollinators?](#) – The importance of pollinators
- [Schoolyard Butterfly Garden](#) – Monarch Joint Venture’s guide to create a pollinator friendly garden at your school
- [Building and Managing Bee Hotels for Wild Bees](#)

Videos:

- [A Regenerative Secret](#) (8 min)
- [50 Years Ago, This Was a Wasteland. He Changed Everything](#) (8 min)
- [What is ecological restoration?](#) (4 min)
- [Roam Ranch](#) (4 min)

Suggested Books:

- [The Tallgrass Prairie Center Guide to Prairie Restoration in the Upper Midwest](#)
- [In Service of the Wild: Restoring and Reinhabiting Damaged Land](#) by Stephanie Mills
- [Rewilding the West: Restoration in a Prairie Landscape](#) by Richard Manning