YES! Update 5.11.2020

Program Update

Thanks for finishing strong this season and sending us your YES! Final Reports and visuals. We appreciate the extra effort! ~ Shelli-Kae Foster, YES! Program Director

YES! End of the Year Checklist

2020 Graduate Exit Survey – Please send this to your graduating seniors to complete by May 29th

2020 Post Assessment Survey – Please send this to all YES! students to complete by May 29th

2020 Coach Survey – Please complete this survey by June 10th to help us improve the program

Project Signs – At no cost you can order up to two YES! signs for any of your projects, these signs have a sticky back. (Additional signs are $10 each) Last year's template is attached to this email. Please contact your coordinator to order.

2020-2021 YES! Registration Forms – Team registration forms for 2020-21 can be found here! (Fee can be paid in the Fall)

YES! Key Dates

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!

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

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

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

Resources:

Clean Transportation for Schools

- **Safe Routes to School** – Walking and biking to school

- **Safe Routes to School** – Grants for schools and communities

- **Bus Fumes Linked to Poor Test Scores** – Fixing school buses is an effective (and cheap) way to improve students' health and academic performance

- **School Bus Emissions Visual** – Diesel vs. electric engines

- **From Yellow to Green** – Reducing School Transportation's Impact on the Environment

- **Bio Bus**– This commuter bus runs on poop!

- **Walk and Bike to School** – Plan a Walk and Bike to School Day

- **Host a Ride and Drive** – How to host a Ride and Drive event

Climate Change and Air Quality

- **Air Pollution from Transportation** – Environmental Protection Agency

- **Carbon Counter** – Cars evaluated against climate targets interactive graph (See customize tab)

- **New MIT app** – Check if your car meets climate targets

Understanding Electric Vehicles (EV)

- **Electric vehicles** – Economics, incentives, availability, and deals

- **Hybrid Vehicle Information** – How hybrid cars and trucks work

- **Electric Vehicles in Minnesota** – PowerPoint Presentation

- **Shift2Electric** – Midwest EV Models, Info Lists, and Safety Ratings

- **Finding the Right Vehicle** – EV Buying Guide

- **Interested in a fuel-efficient vehicle?** – Here are some tools to help you decide

- **Connect with MN Electric Vehicle Owners** – EV Owner Forum

- **Becoming Electric Vehicle Ready** – Five principles for what constitutes an EV ready city

- **EV Charging** – All you need to know about charging EVs

- **PlugShare** – Search for a charging station

- **ChargeHub** – Free app for mobile devices

Videos:

- **Air travel in the time of climate crisis: Is it wrong to fly?** (21 min)
- **This is your brain on air pollution: TED Talk by María Neira** (13 min)

Suggested Books:

- **Choked: Life and Breath in the Age of Air Pollution** by Beth Gardiner

- **The Invisible Killer: The Rising Global Threat of Air Pollution- and How We Can Fight Back** by Gary Fuller

- **Clearing the Air: The Beginning and the End of Air Pollution** by Tim Smedley