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## Program Announcements

We want to welcome you back for the 2020-21 school year! It's a great time for outdoor learning and hands-on projects. We have project ideas for home, school and the community and virtual events as well.

We also want to say farewell and **THANK YOU** to Tom McDougall (Metro Coordinator) and Sam Horner (NE Coordinator) for their wonderful contributions to YES! over the years and we wish them well in their new endeavors. ~Shelli-Kae Foster, Program Director

## Team To Do's

Complete the online [YES! Team Registration Form](#) and pay registration fee.

## YES! Events/Opportunities

**YES! Virtual Coaches Meeting:** September 16<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30 to 4 PM. An overview of coach responsibilities and tips to make your team's projects successful!

**YES! Virtual Fall Summit:** *Climate Change in Minnesota* – September 30<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 to 11:30 AM. A kick-off event with 3 key presenters and interactive activities! The Fall Summit will take place via Zoom.

**Fall/Winter Workshops:** Customized workshops and tours either at Prairie Woods ELC, Ney Nature Center, or at your school. We will be keeping these events small with groups of 20 participants or less, following COVID-19 safety guidelines. These workshops include but are not limited to: *Edible Landscapes, Prairie Restoration and Soil Health, Aquatic Invasive Species Surveying and Water Testing, Renewable Energy, etc.*

**Online Workshops:** We created an online workshop on [Electronic Vehicles](#) and plan to create more that will be available to students throughout the year to go hand-in-hand with online learning.

**Spring Competition:** One state-wide competition with prize awards and a chance to showcase your team's projects.

**Project Seed Funds:** Jump-start your hands-on ecological projects by applying for seed funds available to teams in your region.

**Other Resources:** YES! online resources, YES! Project Guides, Daily Challenges for kickoff week and Earth week, on-going support from a regional coordinator for hands-on projects that can be done at home, at school, or in your community.

## Other Opportunities

Apply for the [Electric School Bus Pilot Project](#), a MPCA grant funded by the VW settlement. Deadline is Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The MPCA will host an electric school bus RFP webinar on Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM.

Looking for funding help for team registration fee or project? The [Walmart Community Grant](#) is a great place to look!

## YES! Blog

[YES! Students Paddle Into Summer](#)

[Sam's Farewell](#)

## YES! In The News

July 11, 2020: [Home on the prairie: Lac qui Parle Valley students are bringing the prairie back](#)

July 9, 2020: [Winners again — YES! Team earns Regional and State awards](#)

## Student & Coaches Corner

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