



YES! Update 12.14.2020

Program Announcements

Since we didn't order t-shirts this year we are offering YES! masks or gaiters (\$10 each)! See example below. Please email me at taylor@yesmn.org to submit your order. ~Taylor Templer, West Central Coordinator



Upcoming Virtual Events

Coaches Meeting on Wednesday December 16th from 3:00-3:30 PM to informally connect with one another and YES! staff.

Recorded Virtual Events

“Investigating Climate Change Using Ojibwe Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Scientific Ecological Knowledge (G-WOW Model)” with Cat Techtmann, Environmental Outreach Specialist for the Community Development Institute, University of Wisconsin Madison-Extension happened on Thursday, December 3rd, 2020, if you missed it view the recording [here](#) (58 min).

**Stay tuned for the next workshop in the YES! Virtual Series on Climate Change but in the meantime check out this virtual talk by Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer:*

“Learning the Grammar of Animacy: subject and object” by Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer virtual talk hosted by Minneapolis Institute of Art happened on December 4th, 2020. View the recording [here](#) (1 hr).

The title refers to the power of language/names to shape and be shaped by our relationships with the land (“gifts from earth”). Dr. Kimmerer, a Potawatomi woman who is a plant ecologist and distinguished professor at SUNY, says that “it is not the land that is broken, but our relationship to the land.” Of the concepts and practices she discusses, those associated with the Honorable Harvest stand out as potentially meaningful for students as well as useful for framing potential projects as a team (plus the principles can be applied to everything in our lives!).

Other Opportunities

Youth Voice Service Grant Application: Young people in MN are invited to submit a grant proposal to support service projects in their community! Grants will be awarded in amounts ranging from \$50 to \$350. Applications are **due January 15th, 2021**.

In the News

[YES! Students Investigate Climate Change Using Ojibwe Traditional Ecological Knowledge](#)

[YES! Alumni Spotlight: Matthew Burns](#)

Student & Coaches Corner

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