



Update 4.19.2021

Program Announcements/Updates

- **EARTH WEEK is here! YES! Daily Challenges** describe an environmental issue and ideas for taking action now. Please encourage students, staff, and friends to participate by taking a picture representing their action and then emailing it to taylor@yesmn.org any time between now and Monday, April 26! Daily Challenges and images from participants will be posted on YES! [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts.
- **KEY DATES:**
 - May 6: Deadline for [Final Report and Visual](#)
 - May 12: Deadline to [sign up for a time](#) to meet with judges on May 19
 - May 19: Spring Judging Day
 - May 20: Winners and Awards announced online
 - June 4: Deadline to submit [District Expense and Project Seed Fund Reimbursement Request](#)
- **FINAL REPORT: Complete the Final Report and upload your visual using our new online form!**
 - [Click here to open the online Final Report Form.](#)
 - Form may be completed in more than one sitting and edited after submission.
 - ***Want students to help out more with the report?*** Have them compile information about a specific project using the [optional student worksheet!](#)
 - The team should fill in a project page for each project they planned, **including** projects that are still in progress or never made it beyond the planning stage! Up to 8 projects may be reported.
 - If you want to copy and edit a website you made on Google Sites during a previous year to submit as the visual for your 2020-21 Final Report, [click here for instructions and tips.](#)
 - If you have questions or need assistance, please contact your YES! coordinator!
- **SPRING JUDGING SIGN-UP: The judges would love to meet your team virtually on Wed. May 19! [Click here to see time slots](#)** and then email your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices to your coordinator by Wed. May 12. We'll send an email confirming your session time on or before May 13.
- **FUNDING:** Your team has access to approx. \$500 for project seed funds and approx. \$300 for district expenses (substitute teacher or transportation to YES! events or activities). Once costs have been incurred, and no later than **June 4, 2021**, submit receipts with this form: [District Expense and Project Seed Funds Reimbursement Request](#)
- **REGISTER YOUR TEAM FOR 2021-22 SEASON: [Click here to open the online form](#)** or visit Coaches Corner to download a PDF version. (Fee can be paid in the Fall.)

Opportunities

- **April 20 from 10:00 - 10:30 am: Reducing Wasted Food: The Greenhouse Gas Connection.** Hosted by MN Pollution Control Agency, presenters “will discuss the connection between preventing wasted food and its significant contribution to climate change” and “outline strategies to prevent food from going to waste and feed those in need.” [Watch it live on YouTube!](#)
- **May 12 from 3:30 - 4:15 pm: United Nations Climate Simulation preview** with Beth Mercer-Taylor, University of MN/Institute on the Environment. More details to come.

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