



Update 10.11.2021

Program Updates

Our annual YES! Fall Summit was a big hit on Sept. 29 with over 160 students and teachers attending!

Also, you're invited to our Virtual Fall Summit on Oct. 27 (*more details below*). All are welcome to attend, whether you attended the in-person Fall Summit or not.

Northwest: A big WELCOME to our new YES! team from Cross Lake Community School and to their coach Miranda Graceffa! ~*Shelli-Kae Foster, YES! Program Director*

West Central: I'd like to welcome MACCRAY High School and their coach Leanne Carmany to the YES! program! ~*Taylor Templer, West Central Coordinator*

Southern: Amanda Hakala is the new coach for the YES! Team at Northern Lights Community School in Warba. Welcome, Amanda! ~*Deb Groebner, Southern Coordinator*

Upcoming YES! Events

October 14, 2021: Virtual Coaches Meeting from 3:30-4 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81838127263?pwd=SHdJY3c2U0wyd0d3NjFWY0FPZ1hPQT09>

Meeting ID: 818 3812 7263

Passcode: 369024

Call: +1 312 626 6799

October 27, 2021: Virtual Fall Summit from 8:30-11 a.m.

Jump-start a successful season by joining other YES! teams on Zoom for three interactive sessions with climate experts and YES! staff! Sessions are described below. Questions? Contact Deb Groebner at deb@yesmn.org or (612) 716-8438.

Register your team by **Wed. Oct. 20** at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VirtualSummitReg2021-22!>

Beings on the Move: Investigating Climate Change Using Ojibwe Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Scientific Ecological Knowledge

Cathy "Cat" Techtmann, Environmental Outreach Specialist, University of Wisconsin-Extension

Climate change is more than polar bears on melting ice, or something that will affect us in the distant future. We are already seeing changes in Minnesota's temperature, precipitation, drought, and storm events. This is affecting plants and animals, and things we like to do! During

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this session we'll do a fun activity to demonstrate a new way to think about climate change that integrates Native American knowledge and language, science, and place-based evidence you can observe.

Climate Clues in Ice: Learning from the Past to Improve Our Future

Dr. Peter Neff, Assistant Research Professor, University of Minnesota

Peter will share his perspective on climate change as a glaciologist studying the climate of the past as it is preserved in ice. He has spent more than a year in Antarctica across four separate expeditions, working in small teams in tough conditions. We will talk about what climate change means for you in Minnesota, and outline some of the teamwork ahead of us all, to tackle the challenge of avoiding the worst impacts of global warming.

Planning Your Team's Eco-Action Projects

Deb Groebner, YES! Regional Coordinator, Ney Nature Center

Successful team projects begin with the end in mind! During this session, students will work with their coach and teammates to start planning a water project using SMART goals. Participants will be inspired by examples of past team projects and better prepared for a successful season!

Key Tasks

Register your team for 2021-22 Season – Click [here](#) to open the online form or visit Coaches Corner to download a PDF version.

Have students' parents fill out the [electronic 2021-22 Liability Release Form](#), **OR** print off and fill out the [paper 2021-22 Liability Release & Parent Information Form](#) and send to your YES! Coordinator.

Have students complete the 2021-22 [Pre-Assessment Survey](#).

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