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Program Update

Mark your calendars for May 15 to celebrate our State Champions at the MN Twins Game. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come. ~Shelli-Kae, YES! Program Director

The Virtual Fall Summit on October 27 was a success! We're happy that students and coaches from Crosslake Community School, Mankato West High School, Minnewaska Area Schools, and Northern Lights Community School were able to participate.

- To read our blog post about event sessions and presenters, [click here](#).
- View the recorded Virtual Fall Summit (2h 16m) on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/2uXYZZ7NDkQ>

Regional Updates

North: Parkers Prairie and Minnewaska teams completed the One Planet grant. This is a new opportunity for teams to gain project support in central MN. The next round is February 1. Find out more [here](#). ~Shelli-Kae Foster, YES! Program Director

South: The sites are prepared. The timing is right. Now they just need seeds! Team Sleepy Eye is getting ready to expand the pollinator gardens they planted four years ago at the Sleepy Eye Golf Course. The wildflowers - along with the birds, insects and other wildlife they attract - have been very popular with golfers! ~Deb Groebner, Southern Coordinator

West: The team at Yellow Medicine East is researching how to assess the energy use at their school by looking into [B3 \(Building, Benchmarks & Beyond\)](#) and [MNRETAP \(MN Retired Engineers Technical Assistance Program\)](#). ~Shelli-Kae Foster, YES! Program Director

Upcoming YES! Events

Winter Workshops are regional events where several teams come together to learn about topics related to eco-projects they are doing. They are held in person (when it's safe to do so) or virtually on Zoom. Students interact with topic experts and each other. They enjoy hands-on activities, behind-the-scenes tours, and other unique experiences tailored to their team's interests. **What would your team like to learn, explore, experience? Which dates work best (and which should be avoided) in December, January, February, or March?** Let your coordinator know soon!

Key Tasks

Virtual Summit Feedback Survey deadline extended to Nov. 18! Participating students and coaches, help YES! improve future events by completing the [short Feedback Survey](#).

If your students haven't done so, please have them complete the 2021-22 [Pre-Assessment Survey](#).

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Project Resources

- [Big List of Eco-Action Ideas](#): Eight pages of inspiration from past team projects, including fundraisers and team-hosted events!
- [Fill-in-the-S.M.A.R.T. Goal Handout](#): A little bit of structure to help students discuss and plan projects!

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