



Update 12.20.2021

### Program Update

A big **WELCOME** to Jasmine Nieto! She is our new regional coordinator for the West Central Minnesota. We are very excited to have her onboard. She is already jumping in and doing a great job! Learn more about Jasmine on the [YES! blog](#). Send Jasmine a welcome at [jasmine@yesmn.org](mailto:jasmine@yesmn.org). ~Shelli-Kae Foster, YES! Program Director



### Regional Updates

**North West/North Central:** Royalton YES! students are planning an Arbor Day Education Project and tree planting. They have 300 trees ordered from the DNR! ~Shelli-Kae Foster, YES! Program Director

**South/North East:** The Westbrook-Walnut Grove YES! team collected trash along one mile of a road travelled by students. After sorting the trash into categories, the team created a "Ditch of Shame" display (in clear tubs) that is being shown during school sporting events as well as at the local bank and grocery stores. ~Deb Groebner, Southern/North East Coordinator

**West Central:** The New London-Spicer Middle School team hosted a YES! Week with dress-up days infused with eco-actions for students and staff. At the end of the week, the team awarded a prize to the classroom that had the most participation! ~Jasmine Nieto, West Central Coordinator

- Monday- PJ Day (bring in old clothes to be donated)
- Tuesday- Green Day/No-Tech Tuesday (reduce the use of technology for a day)
- Wednesday- Patriotic Day/No-Waste Wednesday (bring a reusable water bottle)
- Thursday- Hat Day/Solar Energy Education
- Friday- Neon Day (bring in old markers/highlighters to be recycled)

### Other Opportunities

**Make your holiday season eco-friendly!** Check out [12 Ways to Go Green for the Holidays](#) on our blog, and watch the [YES! Facebook page](#) between now and Christmas for more inspiring ideas to share with your YES! team, friends, and family!

### Project Resources

**Does your team teach people about energy?** Watch this [7-second video](#) for an innovative demonstration of how bikes (similar to Pedal-a-Watt) can be used to generate electricity that powers a toy racetrack.

*(Video taken in Saerbeck, Germany courtesy of Nicole Griensewic, Executive Director for Region 9 Development Commission)*



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