

2025-2026 YES Competition

Step-by-Step Instructions

1. Complete [YES Activity Checklist](#)

- a. Ensure all activities from the 2025-26 YES Activity Checklist are finished and submitted by **March 15, 2026** using the provided [Google Form](#) in order to be eligible to submit to the 2024-25 YES Competition.

2. YES Team Manager Shares Submissions

- a. After the submission deadline, YES Team Manager - Jake Schwinghammer - will share each team's completed activities for review to help prepare for the optional competition.

3. Choose One Project to Present

- a. Select one project to present to five Minnesota-based green career professionals (judges will be announced shortly).
 - The project can be one specific initiative (e.g., creating seed bombs)
 - Or it can be a broader theme (e.g., "prairie restoration") that includes smaller, related projects like seed bomb creation.

4. Create Your Video Presentation

- a. Record a video of your project presentation.
 - The video must be no longer than 10 minutes.
 - Submit the video and/or video link by **March 31, 2025**.
 - Share the completed video with YES Team Manager, Jake Schwinghammer.
 - If you have questions about the process, please email Jake at jake@yesmn.org to schedule a meeting.

5. Refer to Scoring Rubric and Completed Activities

- a. When creating your video, use the scoring rubric and your completed activities PDF to guide your presentation.

6. Judges Review Submissions

- a. After submission, judges will have one week to review all videos and complete their scoring rubrics.

7. Return of Scores and Announcing Top Teams

- a. Jake Schwinghammer, YES Team Manager, will return the completed scoring rubrics and provide feedback.
- b. He will also announce the top two teams.

8. Prize for Top Teams

- a. The top two teams will win a trip to the Great Lakes Aquarium, Bell Museum or Southern Minnesota Museum of Natural History
 - Tickets and \$1000 of transportation costs will be covered by Youth Eco Solutions.
 - The best date for the visit will be coordinated with YES Team Manager, Jake Schwinghammer.

Thank you!

