



PARENT INFORMATION

WELCOME TO THE YOUTH ENERGY SUMMIT 2009-2010

YES! is a team-oriented youth program that uses hands-on education & energy action projects to address energy opportunities & issues in rural Minnesota communities. YES! 2009-2010 is administered by the Southwest Initiative Foundation and implemented through partnerships with Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center and Prairie Ecology Bus Center.

YES! WILL . . .

- Increase knowledge about opportunities & issues related to energy sources, renewable energy, climate change and conservation
- Engage youth in their communities and empower them to take positive action
- Build young people's awareness of career and economic opportunities in the clean energy industry
- Improve leadership and community-building skills
- Create more energy-sustainable communities

YES! ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Kick-Off: YES! staff will meet with teams once or twice, usually at their school, to kick off their season.

- Interactive games & team-building, mapping community assets, brainstorming project ideas

Summit & Resource Fair: Tuesday, October 20, 2009 (tentatively 8:45 am to 2:30 pm)

- Face-to-face connections with professionals and entrepreneurs in the energy field

During the season, YES! staff will serve as a resource for teams.

Winter Workshop: Date TBD in February 2010 (tentatively 9:00 am to 2:30 pm)

- Custom-chosen tours and activities to meet the needs of teams

YES! Awards, Earth Day Celebration: Saturday, April, 2010 (tentatively 8:30 am to 1:00 pm)

- Team accomplishments are recognized in a public celebration

MEALS are provided at YES! events. We seek to source YES! meals from local farmers.

Please be sure coaches are aware of any dietary restrictions your student may have so they can be included on the attendance form.

FORMS: A Youth Energy Summit permission form must be signed by a parent or guardian.

THANK YOU for supporting your student and your YES! team as they work to put energy into our future!

Questions?

See www.youthenergysummit.com for more information.

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