



*YES! is a team-oriented youth program that addresses energy opportunities and issues through hands-on, experiential learning and energy action projects.*

**ENERGY ACTION PROJECT EXAMPLES**

**Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City YES! Team - 2008**

- Implemented a compact fluorescent light bulb distribution campaign and drop site in their community
- Improved the recycling program in the high school and tested lunch waste composting which they hope to implement in the future
- Raised awareness through a Go Green Day at the high school
- Began research related to geothermal heating, wind, and solar energy

**Canby High School YES! Team - 2008**

- Implemented a recycling program for their Elementary school
- Assessed the potential for solar energy at the high school



**Glencoe-Silver Lake High School YES! Team - 2008**

- Reduced energy usage in school by installing energy efficient lighting and air hand dryers
- Educated the community on saving energy through minimal lifestyle changes

**Lac qui Parle Valley High School YES! Team - 2008**

- Implemented a composting program for their school cafeteria,
- Used the compost in their school greenhouse to grow food the school cafeteria
- Researched the potential for solar power for the greenhouse
- Educated fifth and sixth graders on composting

**Marshall YES! Team - 2008**

- Educated the youth in the elementary school about reducing energy usage
- Provided youth with take-home items to help educate their families



**Montevideo YES! Team - 2007/2008**

- Encouraged use of solar powered holiday lights
- Created films on energy topics for YouTube and the green carpet film festival
- Researched energy audits for their community

**Morris YES! Team - 2007/2008**

- Implemented and improved their school-wide recycling program,
- increased recycling opportunities for the community
- Researched solar panels for elementary school
- Worked on shoreline restoration project for Pomme de Terre River

*The Youth Energy Summit (YES!) is administered by the Southwest Initiative Foundation and coordinated through partnerships with Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center and the Prairie Ecology Bus Center.*

### **New Century Charter School-Hutchinson YES! Team - 2007**

- Increased community awareness on the benefits of composting in partnership with CreekSide Soils
- Conducted tours of CreekSide Soils for area residents
- Held an Earth Day Event including a black out of electrical use

### **New London Spicer YES! Team - 2007/2008**

- Demonstrated a green community by making the Little Theater more energy efficient and environmentally friendly
- Researched wind turbines for the Little Theater
- Developed an educational program called BUG "buy local, use less, go green" for the elementary students
- Implemented a community campaign to raise the awareness of the benefits of local foods and energy conservation



### **Redwood Valley YES! Team - 2008**

- Demonstrated the use of food waste as a potential energy source by constructing model digesters and composters using separated food waste from the school cafeteria
- Educated the community on the energy usage of light bulbs by creating a light display and energy bicycle
- Began plans to develop a greenhouse to utilize methane and compost

### **Springfield YES! Team - 2008**

- Implemented a school-wide plastics and aluminum recycling program
- Initiated cafeteria food waste composting using red worms
- Researched the potential of supplying the school with solar and/or wind power by initiating a district-wide energy assessment
- Conducted a text messaging campaign with energy facts and energy saving habits
- Engaged elementary students in a carbon footprint educational challenge
- Surveyed the community regarding its energy needs and knowledge



### **Willmar YES! Team- 2007/2008**

- Worked with consultants and many community partners to renovate a greenhouse
- Installed donated solar collectors and a biomass burner to heat the greenhouse
- Grew fresh produce for Willmar Public schools and area food shelf all year round
- Tested biomass feedstocks and ash content for Sunrise Agrifuels
- Educated community through events and webinars