



The Youth Energy Summit (YES!) is a youth program of Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center (PWELC) and the Southwest Initiative Foundation (SWIF) that uses hands-on, experiential education and energy action projects to address energy opportunities and issues in our communities and our region.

ENERGY ACTION PROJECTS FROM 2007/2008

Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City YES! Team - 2008

- Implemented a Compact Fluorescent Light bulb distribution campaign and drop site in their community and a composting program for the school dining room,
- began researching wind, geothermal heating, Solar, Methane, energy audit for school

Canby High School YES! Team - 2008

- As they implement a recycling program for their Elementary school
- Assessing 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
- Educate 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 compost

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

- Implement and improved their school-wide recycling program,
- increased recycling opportunities for the community
- Researching solar panels for elementary school
- Shoreline restoration Pomme de Terre River

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New Century Charter School-Hutchinson YES! Team - 2007

- Increased community awareness on the benefits of composting in partnership with CreekSide composting
- 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

- Began a school plastics and aluminum recycling program
- Initiated cafeteria food waste composting with redworms
- Funded a solar energy assessment for the school
- Investigate the potential of wind power for the city
- 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 it 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 for Sunrise Agrifuels
- Educated community through events and webinars

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