



Southwest Initiative Foundation, Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center, and Prairie Ecology Bus Center are excited to invite you to the

## 2010 YOUTH ENERGY SUMMIT RESOURCE FAIR

In conjunction with the **Southwest Minnesota Career Expo**

YES! is a team-oriented youth program that uses hands-on, experiential learning and energy action projects to address energy opportunities and issues in rural Minnesota communities. The goal of YES is to inspire widespread adoption of renewable energy technology and energy conservation practices that contribute to the environmental and economic health of rural Minnesota communities. The YES! Summit and SW MN Career Expo is an opportunity to share your ideas and expertise with hundreds of engaged youth from across west central and southwest Minnesota! Learn more about YES! at [www.youthenergysummit.org](http://www.youthenergysummit.org).

This year, the YES! Summit will be held in conjunction with the first day of the Southwest Minnesota Career Expo (<http://www.lifetimeoflearning.com/CareerExpo.htm>).

Up to 200 participating YES! students will be invited, on **September 28** only. Exhibitors who take part will interact with both YES! students and area sophomores at their exhibits on the 28<sup>th</sup>. They will also be invited to a special lunch activity with YES! students. Exhibitors are also invited to exhibit on September 29<sup>th</sup> to interact with area sophomores. In 2009, over 1,700 students attended the Career Expo.

### **YES! Summit and Career Expo**

**Date:** Tuesday, September 28

**Exhibit Time:** 9:00 am to 2:30 pm

**Lunch with YES! Teams:** 11:30 am to 12:15 pm

**Location:** Southwest State University, Marshall

### **Career Expo only**

**Date:** Wednesday, September 29

**Exhibit time:** 9:30 am to Noon

**Location:** Minnesota West, Worthington

### **Objectives for the YES! Resource Fair & Career Expo**

- Build young people's awareness of career and economic opportunities in the clean energy industry  
*A goal of YES! is to keep the best and brightest in our region by making them aware of the exciting opportunities this area offers. You can help not only YES! students, but also area sophomores learn about career opportunities in clean energy.*
- Connect YES! teams with businesses, organizations, and other resources as they plan their energy action projects  
*Teams have sought out solar installers, insulation contractors, and other professionals for projects in their schools and communities.*
- Provide outreach opportunities for renewable energy businesses and organizations  
*YES! youth are interested and engaged, and often report their findings to school boards, local government, and community groups, as well as to their own families.*

**Hands-on** exhibits make the day **fun** and **engaging** for both students and resource people. A successful exhibitor offers a fun, **creative** opportunity for students to truly understand what your business or organization does, and what a career in that field is like. Contact us for ideas on interactive opportunities for your exhibit.

*YES! is a team-oriented youth program that uses hands-on, experiential learning and energy action projects to address energy opportunities and issues in rural Minnesota communities. Say YES! Put energy into our future! Contact us at [sayyes@swifoundation.org](mailto:sayyes@swifoundation.org) or visit us on the web at [www.youthenergysummit.org](http://www.youthenergysummit.org).*



## **CAREER EXPO & YES SUMMIT EXHIBITOR INFORMATION SHEET**

Complete and send to: [sayyes@youthenergysummit.org](mailto:sayyes@youthenergysummit.org)

Business/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Career Field: (Select from the following: 1) Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources; 2) Engineering, Manufacturing & Technology; 3) Business, Management & Administration; 4) Arts, Communications & Information Systems; 5) Health Science Technology; or 6) Human Services)

Expo/Summit Location: (Marshall, Worthington or BOTH) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Contact Person Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Contact Person Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimate Number of Volunteers Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Number for Lunch with YES \_\_\_\_\_

Estimate Amount of Space Required at Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Do You Require any Power at your station? YES NO (circle one)

Description of Exhibit (please describe interactive nature):

What 2 facts or questions can students expect to learn from your exhibit?

1)

2)