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**Southwest Initiative Foundation &**

**Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center**



# *Experiential Education!*

Hands-on experiential education to address energy opportunities and issues, build teams, and create dynamic leaders for our future.

Putting energy into our future...  
literally!





## *Key Objectives*

- 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



## *2008-2009 Teams*

- Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City
- Canby
- Glencoe-Silver Lake
- Lac qui Parle Valley
- Marshall
- Montevideo
- Morris
- New London-Spicer
- Redwood Valley
- Springfield
- Willmar
- Yellow Medicine East





## *YES Outcomes*

- **Increasing knowledge...**
  - 120+ youth and 16+ coaches in 12 communities taking part
- **Engaging youth in communities...**
  - Working with other students in their schools
  - Interacting with thousands of community members
  - Over 50 businesses/organizations working with energy action projects
- **Students making a difference...**
  - conserving energy, generating clean and renewable energy, reducing climate change emissions



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## Questions? Contact...

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*Thank you!*