

What is a Co-opetition?

Following the Summit, teams return to their home communities to take part in a Co-opetition (a competition in cooperation). Teams will be challenged to take on an energy action project of their choice that results in positive social, economic, and environmental gains. The Co-opetition culminates at a celebration around Earth Day in April, as teams report the results of their energy action projects. Judges will award prizes for outstanding efforts.

Who can be part of a team?

Teams of 8-10 young people in grades 8 through 12 may be fielded by schools, home school groups, churches, or youth organizations. Team projects are supported by adult advisors from their community, Prairie Woods staff, and other resource people. Adult advisors may be teachers or community members.

What is the cost?

\$50 per student will cover the cost of food and lodging for the two-day Summit. Schools or sponsoring organizations will be asked to provide transportation and arrange for a team advisor. Funding support from the Southwest Initiative Foundation and other contributing sponsors will cover the remaining costs of participation.

Schools and organizations that realize a cost savings thanks to the Co-opetition projects will be asked to commit a percentage of this savings back to the Youth Energy Summit and Co-opetition to help fund future YES events.

How do we sign up?

Teachers, administrators, or team advisors can contact Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center for more information or to sign up a team:

Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center 12718 10th St NE Spicer, MN 56288
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This Year's Event Details:

September 23, 2008

YES! Kick-Off – Teams and coaches will get together for a full day of team building, education of energy issues and opportunities, and more!

November 10, 2008 (Day and Evening)

Teams gather for another opportunity to learn and connect to resources for their projects. Students and community members will also attend an evening event combining education and entertainment!

September 2008 through April 2009

Co-opetition teams will work on energy action projects with guidance from their coach/mentor, PWELC staff and energy allies.

February 4, 2009

Teams will attend a one-day workshop to share progress and engage in learning activities

April 18, 2009

Say Yes! to Earth Day as teams celebrate their successes.

