

Youth Enrichment Services Partnering With Wachusett Mountain To Hold 2007 Massachusetts Snow Challenge on March 17, 2007

Fundraising Event to Enable Boston Non-Profit to Support Positive Youth Experiences

BOSTON – Feb. 28, 2007 – [Youth Enrichment Service](#) (YES), a non-profit that offers low- and moderate-income Boston area kids outdoor and practical learning activities, today announced the 2007 [Massachusetts Snow Challenge](#) to be held at [Wachusett Mountain](#) ski resort on March 17, 2007.

Skiers and snowboarders are invited to spend a fun-filled day on the slopes while raising money for YES to support positive Boston youth experiences.

Highlights of the day's activities include the following:

- There will be a slope-side barbeque for families and friends.
- There will be a boot throwing contest, ski pole spinning contest, frozen t-shirt challenge and many more activities for the whole family.
- Skiers and snowboarders will form four-person teams (individuals are also welcome and will be placed on a team) for a fun race down a NASTAR course. To participate, teams must raise or contribute at least \$300 while individuals must raise or contribute \$80. Note: Individuals or teams that register by March 10, 2007 will receive a 10% discount.
- Prizes will be awarded to the fastest teams, those that raise the most money and the one that demonstrates "YES I Can" effort. For each additional \$200 raised by a team, one second will be deducted from the team time, so snow sport prowess isn't necessary.
- The price of registration includes a lift ticket, lunch, goody bag and participation in the race.
- Wachusett is teaming with Hannaford Supermarkets and Polar Beverages for the Hannaford Family Health Challenge. Attendees will be able to sample Polar beverages, win lift tickets as well as Polar and Hannaford gift certificates.

Online Auction

In addition, from March 3, 2006 through March 24, 2006, YES will sponsor an online auction. Those interested in the auction should go to www.yeskids.org on March 3 to link to the auction URL. Items to be auctioned will include ski equipment and season passes, vacations and many others. All money raised will support Youth Enrichment Services of Boston.

"The Massachusetts Snow Challenge is a great way for skiers and snowboarders to spend a day with their friends, co-workers, club members or family while raising money for a good cause," said Mary Williams, president of YES. "And the focus is on having fun. Whether you are an experienced or beginner snow sport enthusiast, this event is for you."

The slopes open at 8 a.m., while the challenge race is from 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Children under 11 taking the Ski the T to Wachusett train ride for free. In addition, discount lift tickets to Wachusett (\$25) can be purchased at the www.masssnowchallenge.com and are valid from 3/17/07 through the end of the season.

For information on how to become a sponsor of the event, please contact Sabrina Pulley at 617-803-9636. To sign up as a participant, please go to www.masssnowchallenge.com or call 617-267-5877.

Event sponsors include Wachusett Mountain, The Boston Globe Snowsports Expo and Mountain Dogs Alpine Outfitters.

About Youth Enrichment Services (www.yeskids.org)

Since its founding in 1968, Youth Enrichment Services (YES) has helped more than 100,000 low- and moderate-income Boston area youth build self-esteem and foster life-long respect for themselves, others and the environment through participation in outdoor and practical learning activities. Research shows that YES kids who remain committed to the program over time -- serving as junior counselors and volunteers -- graduate high school, attend college and obtain jobs at a higher rate than their peers. YES also helps local youth agencies and schools offer challenging programs to reward and motivate their members/students. YES is unique in taking kids out of their familiar urban environment and challenging them with both summer and winter outdoor activities such as skiing, hiking and biking. YES is a 501(c)3 educational institution and is registered with the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office of Public Charities.

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