

### Frequent Ski/Snowboarder Plan Launched!

The 2005-2006 winter season saw the launch of the Frequent Ski/Snowboarder plan. By encouraging kids that enjoy their first snowsports experience, the plan provides subsequent trips at a significant discount. Kids pay \$40 for their first trip, \$20 for the second trip and \$5 for trips three thru five. The trips include lift ticket, equipment rentals, transportation, and lessons.

"Kids get more tangible benefits when they participate in multiple YES trips," explained **Peter Haffenreffer**, YES board chair. This plan was made possible by a grant from an anonymous donor and several foundations. Because of the discount, more kids went more times this winter, a 37% increase over last year.

### Volunteers Always Needed

- Outdoor Adventure hiking and biking trips begin June 15, 2006.
- Swann Lodge/Campground Annual Clean-up is June 10. Food and lodging by YES; jovial atmosphere by YOU.

Contact **Elaine Strunk** at 617-267-5877 x17 for information on these and more volunteer opportunities.



Andy Schiller, Lexie Sparrow, Harold Sparrow, and Sami Sparrow were among the many racers who participated at the Mass Snow Challenge at Wachusett Mountain.

### Mass Snow Challenge

The 5th Annual Massachusetts Snow Challenge on March 18th at Wachusett Mountain celebrated the energy and spirit of YES. Special thanks go to **David Crowley** and **Tom Meyers** of Wachusett for hosting this event. Activities included team racing, a live auction, awards ceremony and slope-side bar-beque for family and friends. The event raised a record-setting \$13,485 for YES.

The team members that raised the most money were **Evan Ward, Gerry Moore, Steve Delaney** and **Richard Ward**. The fastest snowboarder was **Matt Haffenreffer** and the fastest skier was **Shawn Belton-Perry**. **John Ruth** was presented the "YES I Can" Award for his amazing comeback.

### Brad Wheeler Memorial Golf Tournament

The 17th annual Wheeler Golf Tourney held in September at the Ocean Edge Course in Brewster, MA raised \$15,000 for YES. **Stan and Betsy Wheeler**, of the South End, presented the check to YES in December to help pay for buses during the winter season.

### Apres Snow Fest

People stood shoulder to shoulder at the Apres Snow Fest on January 19. Held at McFaddens Restaurant and Saloon, the festivities were sponsored by the Boston Beer Company and Pepsi, and raised \$4,360 for YES. **Jen Ryan and Yuji Koga**, YES volunteers, organized the fun-filled evening.

### Vail Resort Hosts YES

Boston youth went from the big city to the big mountain during a special trip to Vail, Colorado this April. Vail Resort provided lodging, lessons, equipment and lift tickets for our group of 18 youth, from preschoolers to high school students. YES staff and parent chaperones also attended and helped to raise the funds for the round trip flight.

"They had a big mountain experience and a Colorado experience, not just skiing," said **Bill Jensen**, chief operating officer of Vail. "I also think when you are at a destination ski resort it is more

than the hours you spend on the mountain, (the visit) exposes them to an environment that is very different."

According to **Mary Williams**, YES president, "One of the dreams of my late husband **Richard Williams**, founder of YES, was to bring Boston kids to Colorado. I want to thank Bill Jensen and Vail for helping us to realize this dream."



Lauren Marshall, Peter Haffenreffer, Shawn Belton-Perry, David Crowley, Melvin Vieira Jr., Mary Williams at Wachusett.



Valerie Johnson, Amanda Savage, Karen Savage, Aiesha Savage, Elaine Strunk, Nicole Evans, Alexis Savage at Vail.

## Volunteers Honored at Annual Appreciation Weekend

Some 140 individuals volunteered their time to Youth Enrichment Services this past winter. It is the continued devotion of this volunteer base that propels YES and allows us to serve our clients so consistently. Those named Volunteer-of-the-Year must be extremely committed and go above and beyond the basic volunteer requirements.

At this year's Appreciation Weekend, **Stephen Bandini** was named Junior Volunteer of the year (ages 13 – 19), while **Larry Camilli** of Princeton was named Volunteer of the Year (ages 20+).

Also recognized at this year's event were **John Anderson** and **Dianna Wilson** of Dorchester for their 10 years of service to YES, and **Korena Larsen** of Watertown and **Clarence Dennis** of Roslindale for five years of service to YES.



## Girl Outdoor Adventure Leaders

**Claretta Daniels** led the GOAL program in 2005-2006 as part of her graduate internship at Smith College. This year's group of girls participated in ski trips and post-trip pizza parties where they met with female role models and discussed setting goals, staying in shape, and good eating habits.

Next year, Claretta hopes the program will expand and do some all-girl POWER trips to the mountains year-round.

## E-Team Explorations

Did you know that wind can power ski lifts? This year the E Team met with the **Brian Fairbank**, president of Jiminy Peak, about the new wind turbine they are installing to reduce fossil fuel consumption. A scavenger hunt at Loon Mountain focused on learning about the mountain's Pemigewassett Watershed – say that three times fast.

Next up is sailing, a first for YES and the E-Team. Volunteers **Evan Andrews** and **Cameron Kirkpatrick** will lead the trip.

This spring's service project will be close to home and indoors to boot! Watch for the Team's new communications bulletin board at YES headquarters, including photos and news on E Team projects.

## Scholarship Awards to YES Participants

YES is pleased to announce two new scholarships, a \$5000 and a \$2500 award, named after our beloved founder, **Richard Williams**. Thanks to a generous skiing family, the scholarships will be presented to deserving YES participants in August 2006. Go to the YES website, [www.yeskids.org](http://www.yeskids.org) for an application and more info.

An anonymous YES donor awarded \$13,850 to Lauren Marshall of Roslindale, who is in her second year at Green Mountain College in Vermont. A YES participant since age 9, Lauren took her interest in the outdoors to a new level!

Returning from her first year at St. Mary's College in California, **Halissa White** of Dorchester, received a \$1,000 scholarship from YES. The Abel Harris Jr. Scholarship Award is presented every year to an outstanding youth who has shown academic achievement, volunteer service, and a desire to succeed.

Halissa attended John D. O'Bryant High School in Boston and worked at Ski Butternut while in the YES job training program.



Halissa White receives a \$1,000 college scholarship from Jeffrey Wortham and the Abel Harris Jr. Scholarship Fund.

