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Youth Enrichment Services Newsletter

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Upcoming YES Events

**Thursday, August
22, 2013**

Join the YES
Scholarship Committee
at 6:30pm at
[Cinquecento
Restaurant](#) in the South
End to celebrate our
Richard Williams
Memorial Scholarship
Winners. [Email us to
RSVP](#) and receive more
details!

**Saturday,
September 7,
2013**

Our YES Kids spend all
summer outside, now
it's your turn! Join YES
friends & volunteers
outside at Charles River
Canoe & Kayak for

Dear Youth Enrichment Services,

We have been enjoying a busy and active summer here at YES! Over 600 youth have come through our doors this summer to rock climb, run, kayak, mountain bike, hike, and surf all over Boston and New England.

As you may know, we made the transition to week-long Outdoor Adventure sessions this summer in an effort to more deeply impact our youth. We have received positive feedback on this change from our families and youth.

Thank you to our outdoor partners, staff, and volunteers who have made this new programming format possible through their hard work and generosity!

Over the last several months, several YES youth have been featured in local news stories about giving back and service. We are proud of these youth and invite you to [check out the articles online by clicking here](#).

As we look ahead to our school year programming within the YES Academy and Operation SnowSports, we invite you to bookmark the [YES website](#) and social media feeds (like [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#)) so you can stay up to date about upcoming events, programs, and application deadlines!

We also hope that you will be able to join us for YES Fest next month on Saturday, September 7. This is an 18+ event hosted by our Young Donors Committee. Advanced tickets are \$25 and include kayaking on the Charles River from 5-7pm as well as outdoor games and refreshments.

Event will take place at Charles River Canoe and Kayak's Kendall Square location. [Tickets and more information can be found online here](#). Come celebrate the end of summer outdoors and raise money for YES!

YES Fest! [More information and tickets available here.](#)

Thursday, April 3, 2014

Mark your calendars! YES is returning to the Revere Hotel for our 4th Annual Black Diamond Gala. More information will be released in the coming months.

Thank you for being a part of our community. Your ongoing support of YES has enabled us to increase our capacity to serve additional youth and provide them with more meaningful experiences. I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and look forward to seeing many of you throughout the school year!

Sincerely,

Bryan

Bryan Van Dorpe
Executive Director

Work at YES

YES is currently seeking several talented individuals to join our fundraising and program teams!

[Read more about the open positions online here.](#)



YES Kids in Action

Summer Sessions, Intensives, & Agencies



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Each Outdoor Adventure session, youth get the opportunity to spend two nights out at YES's Swann Lodge in the Berkshires. Hiking, swimming, and canoeing are just a few of the activities our youth have the opportunity to try. Over 70 youth will get to experience an overnight at Swann Lodge this summer with YES. Pictured here is the group from our inaugural session of the summer in front of Swann Lodge!



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Pictured here are YES Junior Volunteers Tony and Tyree.

Our teen staff and junior volunteers act as leaders and positive role models in all our Outdoor Adventure programs.

As a young leader, Tony says he is inspired by Ghandi's philosophy to "be the change you wish to see in the world."



Pictured here is 12-year-old Lisa conquering mountains and building self-confidence in Gloucester during her Outdoor Adventure Rock Climbing Intensive. "I learned many things rock climbing," Lisa says, "But the most important thing I learned is trust. Rock climbing [taught] me to trust my peers the ropes and instructors."



Youth from the Cambridge Community Center experienced kayaking with YES in July. Over a dozen organizations serving urban youth introduced their youth and teens to kayaking, mountain biking, and rock climbing with YES throughout the summer.



Brothers Ajani and Angelo are pictured here at Umpachene Falls in Western Massachusetts. The boys loved hiking, swimming, and exploring nature during their first time at Swann Lodge as a part of Outdoor Adventure.



Cassie, a 13-year-old from Jamaica Plain, and Heaven, a 10-year-old from Malden, challenged themselves on the ropes course at Metro Rock during their Outdoor Adventure Rock Climbing Intensive.



YES Summer Track & Field

A Record Year for YES' Young Runners

Our popular Summer Track & Field program has grown again this year, with over 270 youth registering for the free program this summer. Between 70-100 youth attend the practices weekly on Mondays & Thursdays from 6-7:30pm at South Boston's Moakley Park.

These YES Track & Field youth have participated in several Developmental Meets at Moakley Park. [You can find the meet results on our website here.](#)

The program wouldn't be able to expand the way it has without the dedicated help of our adult and teen coaches and teen staff. Thank you for all that you do!

Join us for YES Fest!

Saturday, September 7, from 5-8pm

Hosted by the YES Young Donors Committee

YESFEST



Charles River Canoe & Kayak

Kendall Square, Cambridge MA
Saturday, Sept. 7th, 2013

5:00-7:00pm
canoes, kayaks,
paddle boards

7:00-8:00pm
yard games &
festivities

Advanced tickets for \$25* at:
<http://yesfest2013.eventbrite.com>

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Hosted by the
YES Young Donors
Committee

*Tickets sold in September and at the door will be \$30
**100% of proceeds to benefit
Youth Enrichment Services**
This event is 18+

Your ticket includes two hours of kayaking or canoeing on the Charles River and yard games & refreshments in the adjacent green space! Your ticket purchase will support Youth Enrichment Services (YES). YES has been serving the youth of Boston since 1968 by providing outdoor, sports-based, and leadership development programs. YES Kids are given opportunities to experience the outdoors, build confidence, and develop into young leaders. Learn more at www.yeskids.org.

[Click here for more information!](#)

2nd Annual YES Boston Harbor Cruise

200+ attendees set sail and raise \$5,000 for YES!



[Click here to see all the photos from this wonderful evening!](#)