



## Youth Enrichment Services *September 2018 Newsletter*

### Upcoming Events & Important Dates

**Saturday, September 8:** [Dimock Road to Wellness 5k Run/Walk](#) (Dimock Center - Boston MA) Join YES at the Dimock Road to Wellness 5k Run/Walk this Saturday. The event is aimed at inspiring mind, body, and spiritual health through fitness and exercise. Look for Team YES in the run/walk! We will also have a table at the Health and Wellness Pavilion. Stop by to say hello!

**Monday, September 10:** [Fall Cross Country \(Running\) Begins](#) (Saunders Stadium, Moakley Park - South Boston, MA) Registration for Fall Cross Country is now open! Youth ages 8-13 will be introduced to the sport of cross country running in weekly practices and compete in local cross country meets and road races throughout the fall. Register [here](#) today.

**Saturday, September 22:** [Tour de South Shore Athletic Festival](#) (Wompatuck State Park - Hingham, MA) Join Team YES at the Tour de South Shore hosted by The McCourt Foundation! Participants can choose between doing a 5k walk, 5k run, or bike ride (25 or 50 mile). Registration includes a fun after-party with food, beer, and entertainment. Help Team YES reach its fundraising goal of \$3,500!

**Saturday, September 29:** [Berklee Beantown Jazz Festival](#) (South End - Boston, MA) The Berklee Beantown Jazz Festival is Boston's biggest block party - it's FREE and open to the public! The event takes place on Columbus Ave between Mass Ave and Burke Street and includes outdoor jazz, Latin, blues, funk, and groove performances along with an array of food vendors and free activities for kids. YES will have an outreach table at this annual community event. Look for us and say hi!

**Sunday, September 30:** [5K Bay Run/Walk](#) (Carson Beach - South Boston, MA) Join YES for the annual 5K Bay Run/Walk with East Boston Savings Bank Foundation and help us win the 2018 Nonprofit Challenge! This very scenic, flat 5k begins and ends in South Boston and heads out toward Castle Island, before looping back to start/finish. Runners and walkers who register by 9/14 will receive a FREE Dri-Fit long-sleeve shirt on race day. Join YES's team of track participants, staff, and volunteers! The nonprofit organization with the most registrants in the race will receive \$1,000. Register today!

**Thursday, October 4:** [6th Annual Harpoon Beer Tasting](#) (Harpoon Brewery - Boston, MA) The YES Young Professionals Committee will be hosting its 6th Annual Beer Tasting on Thursday, October 4. Beer tastings from over ten taps, a tap talk from Harpoon staff, and a free pretzel are included. Tickets are \$30 per person. This popular event sells out every year!

**Monday, October 8:** [Leadership Corps Application Deadline](#) Teens ages 13-18 can join YES in one of the Leadership Corps tracks offered this school year from October to April. The tracks include Outdoor Adventure, Cross Country Ski, Downhill SnowSports, and Impact Internships. Email [leadership@yeskids.org](mailto:leadership@yeskids.org) with any questions.

**Friday, October 19:** [YES Volunteer Kickoff](#) (YES Office - Boston, MA) Join YES at the Volunteer Kickoff from 7-9pm right here at the YES office! This is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends, meet new people who are passionate about the YES mission, and learn about volunteer opportunities! Light refreshments will be served. This is a 21+ event.

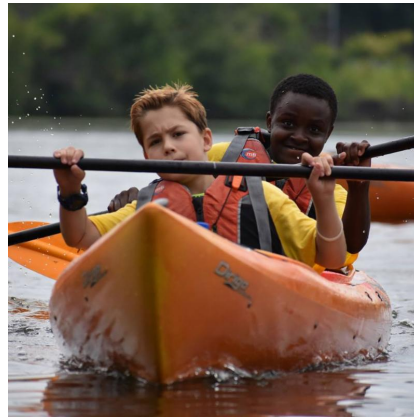
**Friday, November 16:** [Volunteer Application Deadline](#) Volunteer with YES's Operation SnowSports program this winter! We welcome a diverse group of applicants from all backgrounds and ability levels from intermediate/advanced skiers and riders who want to teach to enthusiastic community members who want to

role model and learn.

**Monday, December 3: [YES Annual Celebration](#)** Save the Date! Celebrate YES's 50th Anniversary and the success of 2018 at this special event. Free and open to the YES community. Location and other details coming soon. Online registration will open 10/1. Check the website for details.

## Thank You for a Great Summer!

More than 500 Boston youth had the opportunity to experience the outdoors with Youth Enrichment Services (YES) this summer. Youth and teens explored new sports-based activities, developed self-confidence, gained leadership skills, and created new friendships. Youth enjoyed kayaking, rock climbing, mountain biking, hiking, golf, track and field, and more. This has been a summer that our youth will never forget!



[See more photos in the Outdoor Adventure Facebook album!](#)



*Racers of all ages and abilities begin the non-competitive mile.*

## Runners from Boston and Beyond Come Together at The Martin Richard Memorial One Mile Invitational

The 5th Annual Martin Richard Memorial One Mile Invitational took place on Thursday, August 16 at Boston's Moakley Field. More than 150 runners of all ages and abilities participated. The annual event celebrates the life of Martin

Richard who participated YES Track & Field Program along with his siblings. Martin started his running career with YES in 2009 at age 5. In his early days, Martin chased his brother, Henry, and the older athletes, many of whom he would eventually catch up to and pass. Fairness, inclusion, and teamwork were always important values to Martin. This special community event celebrates Martin's zest for life as a competitor, teammate, and vibrant young boy.



*Youth beginning a 400m race.*

2018 event sponsors and partners were the Martin Richard Charitable Foundation, Adage Capital Management, Adaptive Sports New England, New Balance Foundation, and USA Track and Field-New England.

Olympic medalist and five-time Boston Marathon winner, Tatyana McFadden, was a special guest at the invitational.

McFadden hosted a

wheelchair racing clinic before the start of the event. She also congratulated youth runners in the 400m races with ribbons at the finish line.



This year, for the first time ever, there were one mile heats dedicated to nationally ranked runners runners who were invited to the event. Four elite men and five elite women traveled to Boston to compete in the race and celebrate Martin's life. This year's elite runners had competed at collegiate and national levels, and one elite even competed in the 2016 Olympic Games. Both the men (4:04) and the women (4:41) set meet and stadium records.

The 5th Annual Martin Richard Memorial One Mile raised over \$2,000 for YES and the Martin Richard Charitable Foundation. Thank you to all of our supporters who attended the event.



*Tatyana McFadden poses with racers.*



*Elite Men (L to R): Ben Blankenship, Collin Leibold, Julian Oakley, Craig Nowak*



*Elite Women (L to R): Brooke Feldmeier, Therese Haiss, Mel Lawrence, Dana Giordano, Aisling Cuffe*

[View more photos from the event!](#)  
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## YES Celebrates Its 50th Anniversary



*The original YES logo shown above.*

On November 4, 1968, Richard Williams founded YES with one goal in mind: give youth a chance. In its first year, Operation Ski Lift was the only program of its kind and provided 500 young people the opportunity to get outside and go skiing.



*YES founder Richard Williams*

Over the past five decades, YES has expanded upon Richard Williams' vision and today offers young people a variety of year-round sports-based programs that impact over 1,600 youth annually. It is

estimated that YES has served more than 100,000 youth throughout its 50 year history. For more information about the history of YES, click [here](#).

- **Celebrate this important milestone** by reflecting on what YES means to you!
- **Stay connected with alums!** Join the YES Alumni Circle Facebook page by clicking [here](#).
- **Purchase a YES 50th Anniversary t-shirt!** Available in sizes S-XL; some sizes are limited. \$20 each includes shipping. Email Meghan Burgess at [mburgess@yeskids.org](mailto:mburgess@yeskids.org) to place your order.
- **Make a contribution** - \$50 for 50 Years! Click [here](#) to donate online.



*YES's 50th Anniversary T-Shirt*

## Make an Impact With YES!

Are you looking for an opportunity to give back and meet new people this year? Volunteer with YES and give youth access to meaningful outdoor and enrichment programs. Join 150+ adults from all ages and backgrounds to advance the YES mission of giving Boston youth opportunities to experience the outdoors!

Applications are now open for 2018-2019 Operation SnowSports volunteers. Click on the link below to learn more about volunteer opportunities and to apply. Applications close on Friday, November 16.



**APPLY HERE!**

## Beer Tasting *at Harpoon Brewery*



**Harpoon Brewery**

**306 Northern Ave.**

**Boston, MA 02210**

**Thursday, October 4**

**7:00 - 8:30 PM**

**Craft Beer and Cider Tasting**

**Advanced tickets on sale now for \$30.**

**(Ticket price includes Harpoon's legendary pretzels!!)**

**Buy your tickets now, there is limited capacity at this event!**

**BUY TICKETS!**

**Join YES for an exclusive Tap Talk about fall beers and a tasting!**

100% of proceeds benefit Youth Enrichment Services!

Please note the event is 21+.

**The Young Professionals Committee is growing! [APPLY](#) now and join the fun!**

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**STAY CONNECTED**



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