



Youth Enrichment Services *September 2019 Newsletter*

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

Saturday, September 21: [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 and a limited edition Team YES t-shirt. Help Team YES reach its fundraising goal of \$3,500!

Sunday, September 29: [14th Annual East Boston Savings Bank 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 2019 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. Join YES's team of track participants, staff, and volunteers! The nonprofit organization with the most registrants in the race will receive \$1,000.

Friday, October 4: [Boston Marathon 2019 Team YES Application Due](#) YES received four (4) official numbers as part of the 2020 John Hancock Marathon Non-Profit Program. Runners passionate about the YES mission are invited to apply for the YES 2020 Boston Marathon team. Click [here](#) to email YES Executive Director, Bryan Van Dorpe, if you are interested in applying.

Friday, October 11: [YES Volunteer Kickoff](#) Save the date! Details on location are coming soon. Click [here](#) to sign up.

Tuesday, October 15: [Leadership Corps Begins](#) (YES Office - Boston, MA) 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. Click [here](#) to register.

Thursday, November 7: [7th Annual Harpoon Beer Tasting](#) (Harpoon Brewery - Boston, MA) Save the date! The YES Young Professionals Committee will be hosting its 7th Annual Beer Tasting on Thursday, November 7. Beer tastings from over ten taps and a free pretzel are included. Tickets are \$30 per person. This popular event sells out every year! Click [here](#) to buy tickets.

Monday, November 18: [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 2: [YES Annual Celebration](#) (Fenway Park - Boston, MA) Save the Date! Celebrate the success of 2019 at this special event. Free and open to the YES community. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

A Summer to Remember!

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!



Racers from Boston and Beyond Come Together for YES and the Martin Richard Foundation

The 6th Annual Martin Richard Memorial One Mile Invitational took place on Thursday, August 15 at Boston's Moakley Field. More than 200 individuals of all ages and abilities attended and participated.

2019 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. Event highlights included 400 meter races for youth 8 and under, one-mile races for ages 8-12, high school students, wheelchair racers, adults (open and masters), and elites. Another highlight of the night was the crowd-favorite non-competitive community one-mile run/walk/roll.

For the first time ever, an Elite Wheelchair race was run in addition to Elite Men's and Women's 1-mile races. Six elite wheelchair men and two elite wheelchair women traveled to Boston to compete in the race. Both the Men's Wheelchair winner (Daniel Romanchuk - 3:25) and Women's Wheelchair winner (Tatyana McFadden - 3:51) set meet and stadium records. Daniel Romanchuk is the youngest ever winner of the Boston Marathon and Tatyana McFadden is a five-time Boston Marathon champion and Olympic medalist.

Now in its sixth year, this 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.

Visit www.teamMR8.org to learn more about the Martin Richard Charitable Foundation. Thank you to everyone who attended, sponsored, and supported this very special event.

[View more photos from the event!](#)

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



Racers in the Elite Wheelchair 1 Mile.



Elite Women Runners.



Elite Men Runners.

Make an Impact as a YES Volunteer!

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 2019-2020 Operation SnowSports volunteers. Click on the link below to learn more about volunteer opportunities and to apply. Applications close on Monday, November 18.

APPLY HERE!

Welcome New YES Staff

YES is thrilled to welcome five new staff members to the team this fall. The new staff have a diverse wealth of experience working with Boston youth. They are hard at work at YES preparing for the year ahead and are excited to be a part of the YES community. [Learn more about our new staff members here.](#)



Dave Esons
*College Prep
Coordinator
Massachusetts
Promise Fellowship*



Eric Geels
Program Coordinator



Jasmine Reed
*Youth Leadership
Coordinator*



Emma Turcotte
*Outdoor Adventure
Coordinator
AmeriCorps Up2Us
Coach*



Charline Xu
*Community Outreach
Coordinator*

Open Positions on Volunteer Committees

Young Professionals Committee

The Young Professionals Committee is a young professionals group dedicated to Boston youth and outdoor and enrichment programming. Members consist of motivated individuals willing to fundraise, raise awareness for YES's mission. The committee provides young professionals in Boston the opportunity to network, volunteer, socialize, and give back.

Volunteer Equity Committee

The Volunteer Equity Committee aims to promote diversity and inclusion among the volunteer pool at YES. The committee crafts an ongoing volunteer outreach plan acted upon by its members and the Volunteer Manager that address barriers to the recruitment and retention of diverse volunteers. They also organize events to engage the volunteer community.

Gala Planning Committee

The Gala Planning Committee is a group that helps with the planning and execution of YES's biggest fundraiser, the Annual Black Diamond Gala. In April 2020, YES will hold its 10th gala. Traditionally, over 300 people are expected to attend and a \$600,000 fundraising goal has been set. Join the Gala Planning Committee and help make this year's event a success!



For more information or to apply,
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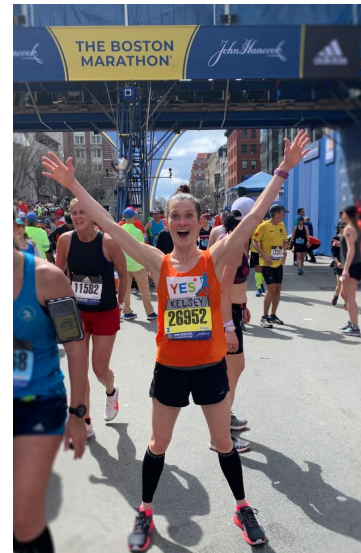
For more information or to apply,
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Run the Boston Marathon With YES!

YES received four (4) official numbers as part of the 2020 John Hancock Marathon Non-Profit Program. Runners passionate about the outdoors and youth development are invited to apply to join YES's 2020 Boston Marathon team.

Team YES will help raise money to give Boston youth access to sports-based leadership and enrichment programs. The funds raised by Team YES will help Boston youth reach their full potential in school, work, and life. Each selected runner must raise \$10,000.

Applications are due by Friday, October 4. Final decisions on each runner will be made on a rolling basis.



APPLY HERE!

STAY CONNECTED



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