



Youth Enrichment Services *December 2019 Newsletter*

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

Sunday, January 5: [Operation SnowSports Begins](#) Get ready for a season filled with new experiences, challenges, and positive role models! The Operation SnowSports season kicks off in January. Follow our [Facebook](#) page to see photos from the slopes!

Monday, January 6: [Winter Track Program Begins](#) (Blackstone Community Center - Boston, MA) Now in its fourth year, the YES Winter Indoor Track Program teaches youth skills and builds strength through running and core strengthening drills. The program meets weekly and serves youth ages 8 through middle school. Click [here](#) to register.

Thursday, January 23: [8th Annual Trivia Night](#) (Game on Fenway - Boston, MA) Join the YES Young Professionals Committee in January for a night of trivia, food, and fun! Prizes will be awarded to the top teams. \$20 per person. Tickets on sale now! [Click here to purchase.](#) Event is 21+.

Sunday, March 8: [Shamrock Splash](#) (M Street Beach - South Boston, MA) Take the plunge for a good cause and splash into Boston Harbor with YES and our friends at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. All funds raised by Team YES directly benefit YES summer programs.

Saturday, March 21: [Mass Snow Challenge](#) (Wachusett Mountain - Princeton, MA) Join YES for a fun-filled day with great skiing and snowboarding, racing, awards, costume contest, and family games to support YES's Operation SnowSports youth programs! No racing experience necessary.

Thursday, April 9: [10th Annual Black Diamond Gala](#) (Seaport Hotel - Boston, MA) Save the date! Tickets will go on sale in mid-January. Support YES at our biggest fundraiser of the year!

YES Welcomes New Members to the Board of Trustees and Advisory Council

YES is pleased to announce the appointment of five new individuals to the organization's Board of Trustees and Advisory Council.

Board of Trustees

Dr. Eric Carson is a YES Alumni from the 1970s. He is a Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Eric resides in St. Louis and has four children.

Justin Kermond is a past YES Volunteer from the 1990s and also served on the board from 1999 to 2004. He is a Harvard graduate and currently works as the Director of Technical Product Management at SS&C Advent. Justin is married to his wife, Lorraine, who is also a former YES volunteer. They live in Belmont with their two daughters.

Ian Macomber is a YES Operation Snowsports volunteer. He is currently the Director of Analytics at Drizly. Ian is a graduate of Dartmouth College and holds an MBA from Harvard. He is also a former U14/U16 Ski Coach for Wildcat Mountain Ski Team. Ian resides in the South End.

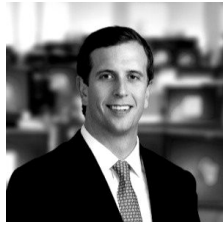
Khori Witter is a Dorchester native and currently is a Vice President at Marsh Insurance in their Private Equity and Mergers + Acquisitions Services Group. Khori is a graduate of Marist College. He is also a former high school football and track & field athlete at Archbishop Williams. Khori currently resides in Billerica with his wife.

Advisory Council

Brent Herbert works in the Investment Management Division at Goldman Sachs and currently serves on the YES Finance & Audit Committee. Brent is a graduate of Lehigh University and holds an MBA from Columbia University. He resides in South Boston.



Dr. Eric Carson



Brent Herbert



Justin Kermond



Ian Macomber



Khori Witter



YES youth, Zion and Zachary, participated in the Spartan Kids Race at Fenway Park.

YES Youth Compete in Spartan Kids Race

YES was thrilled to partner with Spartan Race who held their Boston obstacle course event at Fenway Park last month. YES youth had the fun and challenging opportunity to compete in the kids race. Youth ages 4-14 participated in races up to 2 miles in distance.

Our young racers ran, climbed, and jumped through the challenging course in the Green Monster. The race took place on November 9 and 10. Youth from YES were ecstatic about the new experience and didn't give up in the face of a challenge! .

Established in 2007, Spartan encourages racers - adults and youth - to push themselves out of their comfort zone, grow in self-confidence, and challenge themselves. Learn more about the Spartan philosophy and race schedule at www.spartan.com.

YES Partners With Four Boston Schools This Fall

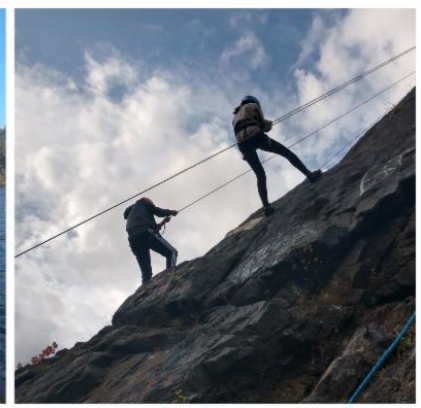
During the 2019-2020 school year, YES is partnering with four Boston schools to provide students with exciting, new experiences in the outdoors.

Partners for the current school year are Henderson Inclusion Upper School (Dorchester); Neighborhood House Charter School (Dorchester); Martin Luther King Jr. School (Dorchester); and Josiah Quincy Upper School (Mission Hill). During October and November, students met weekly to learn and grow outside of the classroom among their peers. Fall programming included hiking at Blue Hills Reservation and Arnold Arboretum; outdoor rock climbing at Quincy Quarries and Hammond Pond; canoeing at Ponkapoag Pond; and trail biking at Brookwood Farm, Houghton's Pond, and Ponkapoag Pond.

Youth benefit greatly from the program's unique curriculum, exposure to the outdoors, and opportunities to build confidence outside of the classroom. "Students want to push themselves to achieve physically and mentally," says Josiah Quincy Upper School teacher, Dave Cantu. One of the program's less obvious benefits is how it brings youth from different levels and abilities together. "A highlight for me is watching students who normally don't socialize much at all having conversations with other students and YES staff," remarks Dave Cantu. "My students show great support for one another even though they don't really hang out in school together."

With fall programming now over and winter activities on the horizon, YES looks forward to continuing the school-year program into its next season of experiential learning and outdoor activities.

[Click here](#) to learn more about YES's school-year programs or email outreach@yeskids.org.



Introducing Team YES!

YES is excited to announce Team YES, a series of exciting and meaningful sports-based fundraising events. All funds raised directly support YES youth programs. This new volunteer-based fundraising challenge kicks off in January. Keep reading for more details!

Team YES participants will fundraise a minimum of \$500 over the course of the year; participate in at least one Team YES event during 2020; and recruit friends to sign up for Team YES events. The events are sports-based and family-friendly. And Team YES members have the opportunity to earn exclusive incentives as they reach fundraising milestones along the way!

Applications for Team YES 2020 are now open!

Here is how to apply:

1. Click [here](#) to fill out the application
2. Email the completed application to giving@yeskids.org.
3. Start fundraising for your first Team YES event!

Whether you walk, run, ride, or splash, there is a spot for everyone on Team YES! Click [here](#) for more information about team expectations, event schedule, and application.



Give the Gift of Outdoor Experiences this Holiday Season!

Whether large or small, gifts of any size make a difference at YES. We receive no government funding and rely on donations to sustain our programming and serve Boston youth. Thank you for giving generously!

- \$25 pays for a pair of waterproof gloves and hat for one child to stay warm on the slopes.
- \$50 pays for one teen to participate in a Leadership Corps youth development workshop.
- \$100 pays for one child to experience skiing and snowboarding, including equipment, instruction, and transportation.
- \$250 pays for two teens to receive college counseling, including help with essay writing, financial aid, and more.
- \$500 pays for five youth to experience rock climbing, mountain biking, kayaking, surfing, or fishing with YES for one day.
- \$1,000 pays for one teen to be in the two-week intensive summer Leadership Corps program and learn in the outdoors.



Thank you for remembering YES in your year-end charitable giving. December 31st is the last day to make a charitable donation in 2019!



STAY CONNECTED



412 Massachusetts Avenue
Boston, MA 02118
617-267-5877
www.yeskids.org