



Youth Enrichment Services *June 2022 Newsletter*

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

Monday, June 6: [Track & Field Begins](#) (Moakley Park - South Boston, MA) Summer Track & Field kicks off! Youth ages 6-13 will be introduced to the basics of track & field in weekly practices.

Tuesday, June 7: [Track & Field Begins](#) (English High - Jamaica Plain, MA) Summer Track & Field kicks off! Youth ages 6-13 will be introduced to the basics of track & field in weekly practices.

Saturday, June 18: [Boston Waterfront 5K](#) (Massport Flynn Cruiseport - Boston, MA) Join YES at the Waterfront 5K hosted by the McCourt Foundation! Enjoy a 5K walk/run, youth races, and family-friendly games. 100% of funds raised by Team YES for the Waterfront 5K will directly benefit YES youth programs! Use code YES5K to save \$5 on registration. Click [here](#) to join Team YES.

Thursday, June 30: [11th Annual Black Diamond Gala](#) (Renaissance Boston Waterfront - Boston, MA) This is YES's biggest fundraiser of the year! The evening includes fantastic live and silent auctions, a cocktail reception, appearances by world class, Olympic athletes, a special presentation sharing the powerful message of YES, and we will be honoring the Martin Richard Charitable Foundation with the 2022 YES Achievement Award. The night promises to be an evening of fun and inspiration offering something for everyone! Click [here](#) for tickets and sponsorships.

Monday, July 11: [Outdoor Adventure Begins](#) (Boston, MA) YES's Outdoor Adventure Program gives young people the opportunity to explore the environment and develop meaningful relationships while having fun. From Boston to the Berkshires, young people (ages 9-12) will get the opportunity to experience rock climbing, kayaking, hiking, biking, and more as they explore the outdoors and build self-confidence!

Thursday, August 18: [Martin Richard Mile](#) (Moakley Park - South Boston, MA) Save the date! Run, walk, roll, or stroll with us at the 8th Annual Martin Richard Memorial One Mile Invitational to celebrate the life of YES youth, Martin Richard. This community event is open to all ages and abilities and is co-hosted by YES and the Martin Richard Charitable Foundation. Registration will open in July.

Saturday, September 24: [Rodman Ride for Kids](#) (Foxboro, MA) YES is looking for six (6) enthusiastic cyclists to fill our remaining bibs for the Rodman Ride for Kids! Riders can choose a 25 or 50 mile ride that starts and ends in Foxboro, MA and travels through surrounding towns. 100% of funds raised by Team YES riders will support YES's youth programs. Request an application by emailing mburgess@yeskids.org.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2022**Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel**

606 Congress Street, Boston, MA

Black Diamond Gala Co-chairs

Kalli Catcott * Deniz Ferendeci

Cocktail reception, food stations, silent auction & awards

5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Seated presentation & dessert

7:30 p.m.

Live auction

8:00 p.m.

Coffee & cocktail reception

*8:15 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**Honoring
Martin Richard Charitable
Foundation with the***2022 YES Achievement Award***Recognizing
Brian Lash
for receiving the***2020 YES Achievement Award**

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Yawkey Foundation***Individuals must be at least 21 years of age to attend the Black Diamond Gala.***PURCHASE TICKETS & SPONSORSHIPS****Spring at YES: College Tours, Youth Relays, and More!**

Spring is a busy season for young people at YES with the longer and warmer days. Boston youth and teens get active in the outdoors, learn new skills, build confidence, connect with positive role models, and have fun. Some of our favorite highlights from Spring 2022 are below!

More than 140 Boston youth participated in YES's Spring Track & Field program at Moakley Park in South Boston. Youth ages 6-13 got moving and practiced skills including running, throwing, and jumping with our dedicated volunteer coaches. In addition to weekly practices on Monday and Thursday evenings, young people also had the opportunity to participate in the B.A.A. Youth Relay hosted by the Boston Athletic

Association during Boston Marathon weekend (pictured in the top photo). Youth raced down Boylston Street and cheered on their teammates near the finish line of the iconic marathon route.

This spring, YES partnered with Dorchester's Tech Boston Academy (Grades 6-12). Students from the school participated in YES programming every week and had the chance to experience canoeing, kayaking (pictured in the middle photo), biking, and rock climbing – many for the first time! Additionally, YES continues to partner with the Mildred C. Hailey and Urban Edge housing developments to provide access for youth residents to be physically active and reduce barriers to participate in YES programs. YES staff and volunteers facilitated a weekly biking program that taught youth how to ride and challenged them with skill building while riding along the Southwest Corridor Park.

YES's Leadership Corps Program was also active this spring. In addition to weekly leadership workshops, teens in the program also had the opportunity participate in a multi-day New England college tour during April school vacation week. Campus stops on the tour included Hampshire College (pictured in the bottom photo) and UMass Amherst in Amherst, MA; University of Vermont in Burlington, VT; Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI; and Northeastern University in Boston. Teens were able to explore different campuses, see campus life in action, and learn about a wide variety of majors and programs.



2022 Rodman Ride for Kids Saturday, September 24

YES is thrilled to announce applications to join Team YES in the 2022 Rodman Ride for Kids are now open. Please email mburgess@yeskids.org for the application. Applications will be considered up to June 10, 2022 or as long as bib numbers are available. Final decisions will be made on a rolling basis.

Team YES Rodman Ride for Kids riders will raise money to provide Boston youth access to sports-based enrichment and leadership programs. Each selected rider will be required to raise \$1,500. The numbers are first-come, first-serve and applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

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[REQUEST AN APPLICATION](#)

Boston Waterfront 5K Saturday, June 18

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JOIN TEAM YES



YES Young Professionals Committee Returns to In-Person Events

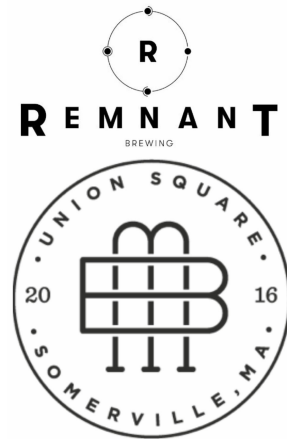
The YES Young Professionals Committee recently held their first in-person event in over two years! Remnant Brewing at Union Square's hosted YES's 40 guests for drinks, food, and fun. The event raised over \$1,300 for YES's youth programs.

If you aren't familiar with the YES Young Professionals Committee, it is a growing group of young professionals focused on fundraising, networking, and raising visibility of the YES mission. New member applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. [Follow this link](#) to learn more about the committee or fill out a member application.

Thank you to our committee leadership and members for their support!

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YES's fiscal year ends on June 30. Make a contribution to support YES and inspire young people through outdoor experiences this summer!

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