



Youth Enrichment Services

March 2023 Newsletter

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

Sunday, March 19: [Mass Snow Challenge](#) (Wachusett Mountain - Princeton, MA) Join YES for a fun-filled day with great skiing and snowboarding, racing, awards, and family games to support YES's Operation SnowSports youth programs!

Monday, March 20: [Spring Track & Field Application Deadline](#) (Moakley Park - Boston, MA) In this program, youth ages grades 2-8 will be introduced to the basics of track & field in weekly practices. Click [here](#) to apply. Acceptance is based on household income, number of dependents, and residency in our targeted Boston neighborhoods of Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan, and Jamaica Plain. The program begins April 3.

Thursday, March 23: [Track & Field Volunteer Application Deadline](#) (Moakley Park - Boston, MA) YES is recruiting volunteer coaches for its Spring and Summer Track & Field Program for Boston youth. No prior experience is required. Volunteers must have high energy and willingness to coach youth in the basic fundamentals of track & field. Click [here](#) to apply.

Thursday, April 6: [Trivia Night](#) (Fenway Johnnie's - Boston, MA) Trivia is back! Join the YES Young Professionals Committee for a night of trivia, small bites, and fun! Prizes will be awarded to the top teams. \$30 per person. Tickets on sale now! Click here to purchase. Event is 21+.

Monday, April 17: [2023 Boston Marathon](#) (Boston, MA) Cheer on Team YES runners as they complete the 2023 Boston Marathon. Click [here](#) to learn more about our runners and support them.

Thursday, April 20: [12th Annual Black Diamond Gala](#) (Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel - Boston, MA) Support YES at our biggest fundraiser of the year! Click [here](#) for tickets & sponsorships.

Monday, April 24: [Biking Volunteer Application Deadline](#) (Urban Edge - Roxbury, MA) Volunteer with YES on Saturday mornings this spring and help teach young people how to ride a bike and improve their riding skills! No prior experience needed. Click [here](#) to apply.

Sunday, June 4: [Boston Waterfront 5K](#) (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! Click [here](#) to join Team YES.

Thursday, June 29: [YES Harbor Cruise](#) (Rowes Wharf - Boston MA) Save the date! Set sail on the Boston Harbor and kick off summer with YES!

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12TH ANNUAL

BLACK DIAMOND GALA

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023

RENAISSANCE
BOSTON
WATERFRONT
HOTEL

606 Congress Street, Boston, MA 02116

Benefiting **Youth Enrichment Services**, an organization that provides Boston's youth with year-round outdoor and enrichment programs.

For sponsorship and ticket information:
visit www.yeskids.org/gala or email giving@yeskids.org



Boston Youth Experience the Outdoors with YES this Winter

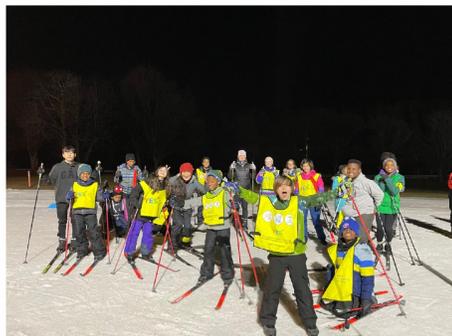
More than 500 Boston youth will get active and outdoors with YES this winter through the Operation SnowSports program. Since January, young people experienced winter snowsports – including downhill skiing, snowboarding, and cross-country skiing – developed self-confidence, and gained new skills on the slopes and trails.

This winter, students at Tech Boston Academy – a year-round YES Strategic Partner in Dorchester – are gaining skills and confidence as they learn to ski and snowboard weekly with YES at Blue Hills Ski Area. In addition, YES is

partnering with schools, housing developments, and youth centers to provide young people with outdoor opportunities this winter. These include Dearborn STEM Academy (Roxbury), Ellison Parks School (Mattapan), Franklin Park Development Tenants Association (Dorchester), Josiah Quincy Upper School (Chinatown), Mary Lyon Middle School (Brighton), McCormack Middle School (Dorchester), Mildred C. Hailey Apartments (Jamaica Plain), Nazzaro Community Center (North End), Roxbury Tenants of Harvard (Mission Hill), Tenants Development Corporation (South End), and UP Academy (Dorchester).

Young people in the YES Cross-Country Ski Program at Weston Ski Track have been active on the trails and having fun this winter! Youth participated in five weeks of cross-country skiing where they learned the basics of the sport, practiced their skills, played games on their skis such as freeze tag and ski "soccer". Young people in the Cross-Country Ski Program also had the opportunity to participate in the Bill Koch Youth Festival in Vermont. "YES youth had a tremendous amount of fun participating in the races," says Elliot Simmons-Uvin, Equipment Manager and Senior Outdoor Instructor. "Thank you to our outdoor partners, funders, and staff for making this special opportunity possible for our young people!"

The Operation SnowSports season will wrap up in late March. Check out the YES [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to see photos of the season.



Thank you to YES's outdoor recreation partners who generously help YES provide outdoor experiences!

Blue Hills Ski Area (Canton, MA)
 Cranmore Mountain Resort (North Conway, NH)
 Mount Sunapee (Newbury, NH)
 Pats Peak Ski Area (Henniker, NH)
 Jiminy Peak (Hancock, MA)
 Wachusett Mountain (Princeton, MA)
 Weston Ski Track (Weston, MA)
 Whaleback Mountain (Enfield, NH)

Support YES at Wachusett Mountain this March

Our friends at Wachusett mountain are generously offering two different ways to give back to YES while skiing and riding this month!



1. Purchase your ticket at wachusett.com and enter DON-YES at checkout, and Wachusett Mountain will donate \$10 of each lift ticket to YES!
2. Starting on Monday, March 6, Wachusett will be offering anyone who has a season pass to anywhere to ski at Wachusett midweek in March for a \$15 discount, and half of the proceeds will be donated to YES.

MASS SNOW CHALLENGE

2023 Mass Snow Challenge Sunday, March 19

On Sunday, March 19, Wachusett Mountain in Princeton, MA will be hosting the 2023 Mass Snow Challenge to benefit YES. Join YES for a fun-filled, family friendly day with great skiing and snowboarding, racing, awards, and family games to support YES's Operation SnowSports youth programs! Registration includes a lunch voucher, a lift pass, and optional entry into the races.

100% of proceeds benefit YES youth

[REGISTER](#)



Leadership Corps Teens Plan for the Future

Winter is a busy season for teens in the YES Leadership Corps program. The program offers teens in Grades 9-12 the opportunity to develop their leadership potential as they participate in and coach outdoor activities. From October - March, teens participate in weekly workshops and trainings, volunteer in the YES Rental Shop, and support Operation SnowSports trips.

College Tours

During February vacation, teens had the opportunity to visit and tour colleges around New England. Stops on the tour included Colby Sawyer College, Amherst College, and Dartmouth College. Young people were able to explore different campuses and learn about a wide variety of majors and programs.



Career Networking Nights

In early February, teens had the opportunity to participate in Networking Nights with YES volunteers. Young people were able to ask questions, engage in conversations, and learn more about the industries

they might be interested in working in one day. Questions included advice about getting into the field, what they studied in school, what a typical day looks like, and what skills are most important for their jobs. Coming up in March, teens will participate in Mock Interviews with YES volunteers, where young people will have the opportunity to practice the most common interview questions and receive feedback and suggestions.

Thank you to the 30 volunteers who donated their time across these two series!

Prepare for the Future this Spring & Summer in YES Academy

The Spring Leadership Corps program offers teens the opportunity to develop their leadership potential as they participate in and coach outdoor activities. Applications will open later in March. Follow @yeskidsboston on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for updates.

Apply to work at YES this summer as a Outdoor Adventure Leader (ages 16+), Track & Field Coach (ages 14-18), or Administrative Intern (ages 16+). Priority will be given to former and current Leadership Corps members. Applications will open later in March. Follow @yeskidsboston on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for updates.



YES is hiring!

Do you have a passion for the outdoors and helping Boston youth?

Apply to one of our open positions!

- [College Prep Coordinator – Mass Promise Fellowship](#)
- [Leadership Corps Success Coordinator – Mass Promise Fellowship](#)
- [Outdoor Adventure Activity Captain](#)
- [Track & Field Coordinator](#)
- [YES Academy Manager](#)

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