



Youth Enrichment Services

March 2022 Newsletter

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

Sunday, March 6: [Shamrock Splash](#) (Constitution Beach - East 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. Click [here](#) to sign up or support Team YES.

Monday, March 7: [No Boundaries Free Ski Day](#) (Black Mountain of Maine - Rumford, ME) Our friends at [Ski No Boundaries](#) are hosting a day of free skiing! Proceeds from the event will benefit YES. Click [here](#) to sign up.

Wednesday, March 9: [Virtual Music Bingo](#) *RESCHEDULED DATE* Join YES for Virtual Music Bingo and sing along to some of your favorite tunes to support YES. \$10 suggested donation to play. Click [here](#) to register. Hosted by the YES Young Professionals Committee.

Saturday, March 19: [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. Enter as a four-person team or individual. Click [here](#) to register.

Monday, March 21: [Summer Teen Staff Application Priority Deadline](#) Apply to work at YES this summer as a Outdoor Adventure Leader, Impact Intern, or Administrative Intern. Positions are open to teens ages 15-19 and full-time residents of Boston. Priority will be given to former and current Leadership Corps members. Click [here](#) to learn more about each position and apply. Priority application deadline is Monday, March 21. Applications will continue to be accepted on a rolling basis as spots remain available.

Thursday, March 31: [Virtual Charcuterie Board and Cocktail Making Class](#) Save the date! More information coming soon. Hosted by the YES Young Professionals Committee.

Friday, April 1: [Richard Williams Memorial Scholarship Application Deadline](#) The Richard Williams Memorial Scholarship is an annual award presented to graduating high school seniors or GED recipients. The scholarship rewards students that demonstrate leadership skills and academic promise as well as aspire to higher education and community service. Only high school seniors who have participated in YES programs are eligible to apply. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Monday, April 4: [Spring Track & Field Begins](#) (Moakley Park - Boston, MA) In this program, youth ages 8-13 will be introduced to the basics of track & field in weekly practices. Registration will open on Monday, March 7.

Sunday, April 10: [Spring Leaderships Corps Application Due](#) The Spring Leaderships Corps program offers teens the opportunity to develop their leadership potential as they participate in and coach outdoor activities. Applications will open on Monday, March 7. Visit yeskids.org/lcorps to learn more and apply.

Monday, April 18: [2022 Boston Marathon](#) (Boston, MA) Cheer on Team YES runners as they complete the 2022 Boston Marathon. Click [here](#) to learn more about our runners and support them.

Thursday, June 30: [11th Annual Black Diamond Gala](#) (Boston, MA) Save the date! More information to follow.

2022 SHAMROCK SPLASH

with Youth Enrichment Services (YES) and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

Constitution Beach, East Boston

Virtual Splash option
February 19 - March 5

Take the Splash with YES!

Funds raised by YES's Shamrock Splash team will support stand-up paddleboarding for YES youth this summer! \$250 fundraising minimum

Visit yeskids.org/splash to register!



REGISTER



Boston Youth Hit the Slopes with YES this Winter

This winter, over 500 Boston youth will get active and outdoors with YES 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.

The season kicked off on Monday, January 17 at the annual MLK Diversity Day celebration at Pats Peak in Henniker, New Hampshire. YES was thrilled to be back celebrating this day once again after it was not held last year due to COVID-19. Young people had a great day on the slopes celebrating diversity in winter sports.



This winter, YES is partnering with a total of eight Strategic Partners. Partners include Tenants Development Corporation, Mildred C. Hailey Youth Center, Roxbury Tenants of Harvard, King K-8 School, McKay School, Josiah Quincy Upper School, Nazzaro Community Center, and Tech Boston Academy. Youth from each partnering school or agency will have the opportunity to experience downhill skiing or snowboarding with YES.

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 have the opportunity to attend six sessions of cross-country where they will learn

the basics of the sport and practice their skills, as well as play games on their skis including freeze tag and ski "soccer".

The Operation SnowSports season will wrap up in late March. Thank you to our partners this winter season: Weston Ski Track (Weston, MA), Pats Peak Ski Area (Henniker, NH), Mt. Sunapee (Newbury, NH), Jiminy Peak (Hancock, MA), Whaleback Mountain (Enfield, NH), and Wachusett Mountain (Princeton, MA).

Thank you to the Share Winter Foundation for their tremendous support this winter season! Read more about their support [here](#).



YES Receives Grant from Life Science Cares

YES recently received a \$50,000 grant from Life Science Cares Boston. YES is one of 28 organizations selected to receive a grant aimed at decreasing economic and opportunity gaps across Greater Boston. Life Science Cares Boston awarded a total of \$1.5 million in grants to organizations working to implement solutions to current issues involving basic needs, education, and economic opportunity.



“All of us at YES are thrilled to have received funding from Life Science Cares. It will be critically impactful to underwriting our outdoor enrichment programs for Boston youth this year,” says Bryan Van Dorpe, Executive Director. “The Life Science Cares model of giving back to the community goes much deeper than writing a check. We look forward to partnering with their leadership and connecting with members through volunteerism and other initiatives throughout the partnership.”

[Read more about the grant here!](#)

Thank you to EyePoint Pharma and MorphoSys, with support from Life Science Cares, whose teams assembled 700 healthy snack bags for YES youth.



MASS SNOW CHALLENGE

2022 Mass Snow Challenge Saturday, March 19

On Saturday, March 19, Wachusett Mountain in Princeton, MA will be hosting the 2022 Massachusetts 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! Register as a team of four people or as an individual racer.

Registration includes a lunch voucher, a lift pass, and swag bag. 100% of proceeds benefit YES youth!



Corporate Team Registration
Team of four racers
\$500

Individual Registration
Adults and youth not enrolled in
YES programs
\$50

YES Teen/Youth Registration
Youth and teens enrolled in YES
\$15



Methodology Raises \$8,000 for YES

Professional and award-winning snowboarder Pat Moore, hosted a Methodology event at Gunstock Mountain (Gilford, NH) on December 18, 2021 and selected YES as the charity beneficiary. The event raised \$8,000 to help support YES's Operation Snowsports program. This generous donation will allow YES to get more youth out on the slopes and involved in snowboarding and other winter sports.

Methodology is a snowboarding slalom race for youth and adults that was created in 2017 by Pat Moore. His goal through Methodology events is to connect with and give back to snowboarding communities. 100% of profits from Methodology's races go to non-profits committed to increasing youth participation in winter sports. Thank you to Methodology and Pat Moore for generously supporting YES!

Leadership Corps Teens Network with YES Volunteers

Teens in the YES Leadership Corps program recently had the opportunity to participate in a series of Networking Nights and Mock Interviews this winter. During Networking Nights, teens met in groups with volunteers in the YES office where they had the opportunity to ask questions, engage in conversations, and learn more about industries they might be interested in working in one day. Teens asked volunteers 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. During Mock Interviews, teens had the opportunity to practice the most common interview questions and receive feedback and suggestions.



Thank you to the volunteers who donated their time and shared their expertise!

Meet the YES 2022 Boston Marathon® Runners

YES received four bibs this year through the John Hancock Non-Profit Boston Marathon Program. We couldn't be more excited to introduce the four runners of Team YES: Nye Day, Brittney Macomber, Andrew Papia, and Allie Tripp. All four runners have experience supporting YES or other non-profit organizations and are excited to raise valuable finds for YES. [Click here to learn more about them!](#)



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