

February Resources & Opportunities



SUMMER PLANNING

HOPELINE Registration Starts Feb 1: TELL A FRIEND! Do not forget to apply to the HOPELINE to be considered for employment with the Boston Youth Fund for the summer of 2012! All applicants must be full-time residents of Boston and be between the ages of 15 and 17 years old. You must turn 15 on or before Jul 8, 2012 and cannot turn 18 on or before Aug 17, 2012. Register online 24 hours a day from Feb 1 at 10am until Mar 2 at 11:59pm, or call 617-635-HOPE(4673) on Feb 21, 22 & 23 from 10am-2pm. Applying with the HOPELINE does NOT guarantee a summer job. Please call the Boston Youth Fund with any questions, 617-635-4202. Also, see a list of job sites that offered HOPELINE jobs last summer. www.bostonyouthzone.com/BYF

ABCD SummerWorks Registration Starts Feb 1: Get an early start applying for a summer job with SummerWorks. Apply online 24 hours a day and follow the step-by-step instructions (requires a working email account). Read and complete the application with a parent or guardian. A complete application includes a signed application, CORI form, checklist, and eligibility documentation. You can also apply in person at your local neighborhood ABCD office. Applicants must be residents of Boston, be between the ages of 14 and 21 years old, and be income eligible. Submitting an application does NOT guarantee a summer job. 617-348-6548, www.summerworks.net

Boston R.O.C.K. It!!! Launch into Summer: Learn about youth opportunities for summer 2012! R.O.C.K. IT!!! is a fun event with special guests, youth performances, and resources to help young people prepare for the summer! All Boston residents welcome. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Feb 22, 11am-1pm. Emmanuel College, 400 The Fenway. 617-635-4920, www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf

Important Summer Job Tips for Boston Teens:

- Start planning now!
- If eligible, apply for the BYF/HOPELINE starting Feb 1, even if you are unsure about having a summer job. Save your tracking number in your cell phone or write it down. Increase your chances of getting a job by applying directly to sites. The website has a list of Summer Work Sites who have secondary applications that require your BYF tracking number. www.bostonyouthzone.com/BYF
- If eligible, apply for ABCD SummerWorks starting Feb 1. Supply all required financial info requested. www.summerworks.net
- If you attend a BPS High School, connect with your Private Industry Council (PIC) Career Specialist who can help you with your resume, job interview skills and job search. www.BostonPIC.org
- Start networking and letting people know you are looking for a job. Talk to past programs and employers to see if they are hiring. Check out opportunities like taking a Red Cross Life Saving Course. Update or create a Resume to be able to share with potential leads. See "Teen Resume Guide" www.bostonyouthzone.com/myc/pdfs/teen_resume_guide.pdf
- If you are not old enough to work yet or are looking for other opportunities consider volunteering, applying for summer programs, or courses that may even have scholarship opportunities. Find programs at www.BOSTONavigator.org or soon in BPS's Summer Stuff publications. Call the Mayor's Youthline for resources: 617-635-KIDS.

- Sign up for the Mayor's Youth Boston Facebook page to get updates on opportunities all month long. www.facebook.com/mayorsyouthboston
For more tips and web links to the above resources check out "Job Tips for Boston Teens". www.bostonyouthzone.com/afterschool/employment/tips.pdf



BOSTON YOUTH FUND

Below are some of the Boston Youth Fund/HOPELINE job sites listed on their website from last summer. **Once you have your Tracking Number, check out these and more at www.bostonyouthzone.com/BYF and apply to sites directly!:**

Hyde Square Task Force: Be a positive change in your community by working with the Hyde Square Task Force to help break negative stereotypes of urban youth with positive energy and dedication. Qualified young adults get trained and do 6-15 hours of community-building activities each week. 617-524-8303 x313, www.hydesquare.org/programs/youth.html

Girls' Leap: This self-defense program offers young women the chance to receive a variety of verbal and physical safety skills. Participants will learn to increase self-awareness and eventually use their newfound skills by mentoring a younger age group. 617-787-2122, www.girlsleap.org

YMCA Greater Boston: The YMCA employs dedicated and passionate youth to be leaders in the community. Positions normally available include babysitters, camp counselors, assistant group leaders, lifeguards, and more. 617-927-8400, www.ymcaboston.org

New England Aquarium: Interested in being a Visitor Assistant, IMAX Host, or Aquarium Guide? If so, then be a part of the New England Aquarium staff! 617-226-2129, www.neaq.org/index.php

Tenacity: Be a part of this program that makes learning fun! In this tennis program, youth will receive tennis lessons, a number of resources to provide them with a chance to succeed, and of course a good time! 617-562-0900 x27, www.tenacity.org



MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL

Apply for the 2012-13 Mayor's Youth Council!: Are you a high school sophomore or junior who wants to make a difference in your community? Each year, teens from all over the city are selected as volunteer representatives to outreach to peers, advocate for youth issues, and meet with city officials. Applications available at www.bostonyouthzone.com/myc. Applications due: Mar 30. 617-635-2240, youthcouncil@cityofboston.gov



SAFE LOVE

Safe Love Dance & Health Fair: Youth ages 13-18 are invited to attend a free interactive and entertaining health fair and dance. Teens can connect with their community resources regarding issues of healthy eating, healthy relationships, safe sex practices, self-confidence, and more. Feb 17, 6pm. Dorchester Multi-Service Center, 1353 Dorchester Ave, Dorchester. 617-740-2580



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month at the BPL: Celebrate Black History Month at the BPL with events ranging from film showings to interactive drum concerts. Also, be sure to check out the annual "Black is..." booklist. For a full list of events visit www.bpl.org.

Boston City Hall Black History Month Galleries: In honor of Black History Month, the Mayor's Office of Arts, Tourism & Special Events presents two exhibitions: In the Mayor's Gallery on the 5th floor, Laurence Pierce, an artist that creates "stream of consciousness drawings" in his "Journey" exhibit. In the Scollay Square Gallery on the 3rd floor, a group of artists feature paintings, drawings, photographs, and collages in their "Identities" exhibit. www.cityofboston.gov/arts

Black Heritage Trail: The Black Heritage Trail is a walking tour that explores the history of Boston's 19th century African American community. During the winter season, you can participate in the online tour! www.afroammuseum.org/trail.htm

Museum of African American History: Explore the history of African Americans from colonial times through now. This month will feature a number of concerts and exhibitions. Admission: \$5. www.afroammuseum.org

African-American Patriots Tour: The Freedom Trail Foundation has a tour that takes visitors to historic events of the American Revolution. Explore the contributions of African Americans, and hear the tales and poetry of 18th century Boston's African American writers. Tickets: \$6-\$12. Thu-Sun during Feb, 1pm. www.thefreedomtrail.org

Black History Month on Channel 5: Check out Channel 5's website to take the Black History trivia quizzes and learn about notable leaders. www.thebostonchannel.com/blackhistory

BlackHistory.com: This site is the largest online encyclopedia and social networking site dedicated to black history and culture. Users can browse through a collection of African American profiles and interact with thousands of people contributing to African American history today. www.blackhistory.com



VOTE

Register to Vote! If you are a US Citizen, a resident of Boston, and are 18 years old for the upcoming Presidential Primary on Mar 6, then register to vote by Feb 15! www.cityofboston.gov/elections

Our Vote Matters! Find the answers to questions frequently asked by young voters. www.bostonyouthzone.com/myc/pdfs/youth_voting_guide.pdf



KNOW SNOW

AlertBoston: Sign up to receive email, voice, and text message notifications for snow emergencies, parking bans, and school cancellations. Register at www.cityofboston.gov/alertboston.

Prepare for Winter: Check out Boston's guide to important information on winter storms, parking regulations, and household heating. www.cityofboston.gov/snow/winter



Seasonal Influenza Shots: It's not too late to protect yourself from the flu! Annual outbreaks of the seasonal flu usually occur during the late fall through early spring. Protect yourself by getting the flu shot. The Public Health Commission will be posting locations that offer free vaccinations. Visit www.bphc.org/flu to find a location near you.

HEALTH



Check Out What Boston Centers for Youth & Families Has to Offer During February Break! Participate in one of the many programs and activities offered by BCYF during February School Vacation. Play sports, go on field trips and more! Check their website soon to see what your community centers are offering or check out the 2011-12 Program Guide. www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf

FEATURED PROGRAMS

Youth to Health Careers Mentoring Program: The Boston Area Health Education Center is looking for students who are interested in pursuing a career in health. Mentors will work with students in everything from academic support and career exploration to leadership development and just having fun. 4 hours a month. FREE. Ages 13-18. 729 Mass Ave, 2nd floor, South End. 617-419-3402, lmika@bphc.org

Mayor's Healthline Blog: The Mayor's Healthline is looking for youth to write health-related articles for its blog. Choose a health-related topic like school lunches or phys. ed classes, and send that idea to anewton@bphc.org. Use your insight as a Boston teen and put your opinions into print! Please keep posts under 500 words. Arielle, anewton@bphc.org, www.mayorshhealthline.wordpress.com

Camp Cardiac: Camp Cardiac is looking for high school students ages 15 and up who are interested in careers in medicine. This 1-week summer day camp provides an opportunity to learn directly from experts in the medical field. Scholarships and applications available now. Michael, 312-659-0246, www.campcardiac.org

BAC Summer Academy Open House: Attend an open house and information session for the Boston Architectural College's Summer Academy, a 4-week design exploration program where high school students learn important architecture and design skills. Feb 11, 10am-12pm. Boston Architectural College, 320 Newbury St. 617-585-0101, www.the-bac.edu/summer

Boston City Lights: FREE training and performance opportunities for Boston children. Train in singing, dancing, and acting. All students are taught to teach. 1154 Washington St. Duggan Hill. 617 695 2856, <http://bostoncitylights.wordpress.com>

Win with Integrity: This program initiative by USA Track & Field aims to educate about the positive results of leading a physically active, drug-free lifestyle while living with integrity. Meet world class athletes and attend a question and answer session. Feb 3, 3:30-4:30pm. Shelburne Community Center, Roxbury. 617-635-5206 x101, www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf

Social Justice Art Slam: Come see youth from YWCA Boston's InIt program use the arts to express their journey toward becoming socially responsible leaders. Enjoy spoken word, music, art, and more. RSVP by Feb 4. Feb. 11, 5:30-8:00pm. 2nd Floor, Kuumba Library, 140 Clarendon St. Ocan, 617-585-5462, init@ywcaboston.org

Zumix: This non-profit cultural organization is dedicated to building community through music and arts. It's also an alternative way for youth to deal with frustration, anger and fear. 260 Sumner St, East Boston. 617-568-9777, www.zumix.org

February Break Opera Workshop: The Wheelock Family Theatre is hosting a vacation opera workshop for youth ages 12+. Explore the exciting connections between theatre and opera through the operetta Tom Sawyer: The Ageless Boy. Tuition: \$400. Scholarships and payment plans are available. Please submit letter of request when registering. 617-879-2252, www.wheelockfamilytheatre.org



Summer Jobs with Thompson Island: Applications for the Green Corps and Island Ambassador Youth Worker positions are available now! Motivated Boston students ages 15-18 with a desire to experience the outdoors, work with others, learn about environmental careers, and beautify Thompson Island are encouraged to apply. Applications must be received by 5pm on Mar 26. www.thompsonisland.org/youth-programs/youth-jobs-programs

JOBS & SERVICE

BPL Job & Internship Fair: Teens looking for a job or internship should visit the Jobs & Internship Fair at the BPL. Feb 11, 12-3pm. Mezzanine Conference Room, BPL Copley Branch. 617-859-2334, www.bpl.org

Teens in Print: Have you dreamed of seeing your name in print? Would you like to visit great venues like Fenway Park? Teens in Print offers both paid and unpaid summer positions to learn how to use the press to cover topics that are important to teenagers. Apply now! Ric, 617-541-2651, ric.kahn.jcs@cityofboston.gov, www.writeboston.org

Sisters at Work: Young women ages 14-21 can apply for the SAW Summer Youth Program where they will learn work readiness, financial literacy, receive an introduction to construction trades, and many more valuable life skills. 20 hours a week will be paid, while the other 20 hours are community service. Deadline: Mar 1. Mikey, sawyouthprogram@yahoo.com, www.sistersatworkinc.org

Greater Boston Food Bank: Fight hunger by volunteering to clean, sort, box, and weigh food for distribution throughout the greater Boston region. www.gbfb.org

Teen Resume Guide: Whether you have had lots of jobs or are getting ready for your first volunteer experience, this resume guide has tips for you. Start off your job or volunteer hunt on the right foot! www.bostonyouthzone.com/myc

Boston PIC: A Private Industry Council Career Specialist can help you build your resume, improve your interview skills, match you to job shadow opportunities or connect you to a job. BPS high school students should visit their PIC Career Specialist at their school. 617-524-5224, www.bostonpic.org



Tai Chi Classes: Free Tai Chi classes will be offered at the Quincy Community Center each Friday until Mar 30. Classes run from at 3:30pm-4:25pm. 885 Washington St. Helen, 617-635-5129 x 1086, Helen.Wong@cityofboston.gov

SPORTS

BCNC Volleyball Camp: The Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center will be holding an 8-week volleyball camp for boys in grades 7-12. This camp will prepare participants to become varsity volleyball players by teaching all of the main skills of the game. Cost: \$20 plus valid BCNC membership. Saturdays 12-2:30pm, Feb 4- Mar 24. Allan, 617-635-5129 x1060, allan.zamora@bcnc.net

RowBoston: BPS students ages 12-18 are invited to try out for a FREE competitive rowing team. Compete against other teams, go on college trips with your team, and earn the opportunity to have paid employment with Row Boston during your summer break! No swimming or rowing experience is required. Transportation provided. 617 779-8277, rowboston@communityrowing.org

Black History Basketball Tournament: The Gallivan Community Center will be hosting a basketball tournament from Feb 21-23 for ages 13-16. Participants must register on a team of 10 players and each must represent a black historian. You must also present a collage to be displayed during the tournament. Cost: \$150 per team, money order only. Register by Feb 3. Richard, 617-635-5252, Dionne.Greenidge@cityofboston.gov

Healthworks Youth Fitness: Children can learn yoga, good sportsmanship, teamwork, and more. Ages 5-8 from 5-6pm and ages 9-12 from 6-7pm. Enrollment fee: \$15. 450 Washington St, Codman Sq. 617-825-2800

Frog Pond Skating Academy: Frog Pond campus offers skating classes for kids and adults of every age and ability. Schedule of classes and registration forms: www.skatingacademy.org, 617-78-SKATE.



MFA Teen Arts Council: TAC members have the opportunity to work on a variety of activities such as creating and producing teen-focused events, greeting and giving information to museum visitors, and creating wall labels to accompany the museum's art collections. Deadline: Apr 13. Stephen, 617-369-4359, www.mfa.org/programs/teen-programs

**APPLY
NOW**

School Breakfast Video Contest: If you're a middle or high school student who has a knack for making videos, enter the School Breakfast Video Contest: Eat. Film. Screen, with a 30-second video promoting a healthy school breakfast. Prizes include a Flip Video Ultra HD 8GB camera video or a \$1,000 Visa gift card. The winning video will also be shown on WHDH-TV. Submit your video between Mar 5 - Apr 5! www.meals4kids.org/school-breakfast-eat-film-screen

Yawkey Scholar Program: This program helps talented and motivated disadvantaged young people meet the rising costs of undergraduate education. A 4-year renewable scholarship is provided to high school seniors in MA planning to attend private colleges in MA. Awards average \$12,500/year. Deadline: Feb 15. www.tpi.org/resources/yawkey_scholars_program.aspx

Neponset Spelling Bee at the Leahy-Holloran: If you are a member of the Leahy-Holloran Community Center and would like to partake in this event taking place on Feb 18, 10am-3pm, then register beforehand by contacting Kate Hennigan. 617-635-5150, www.leahyhollorancommunitycenter.com

MassSTAR: Sign up or nominate a high school sophomore to be a part of the Massachusetts Youth Leadership Foundation's MassSTAR conference which is held from Jun 8-10. This non-profit organization's mission is to empower leadership in high school students. Deadline: Apr 15. <http://massstar.org/nominate-a-student.html>

Princeton University Journalism Program: Princeton welcomes 20 high school students from low-income families to its campus for a 10-day seminar on journalism. All expenses, including students' travel costs to and from Princeton, are paid for by the program. Open to current juniors. Applications due: Feb 5 by 11:59pm www.princeton.edu/sjp

Youth Cities: Youth Cities is a program for high school students that teach fundamentals of leadership, entrepreneurship, presentation skills, and more. This is an opportunity to start your own business while making a difference in your community. You can also compete in teams for a chance to win \$1,500 in seed grant funding. Classes start in Mar, applications now available. www.tugg.org/youth-cities

ICA Teen Art Council: The Institute of Contemporary Art is looking for youth ages 14-18 to serve as members of the Teen Art Council. Apply now by downloading an application: www.icaboston.org/programs/teens

Holocaust Remembrance Essay Contest: Students responding to this year's writing contest should study the Holocaust and then respond to a writing prompt in an essay of no more than 1,200 words. First place winners can win a scholarship ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000. Deadline: Apr 19. Must be submitted online. <http://holocaust.hklaw.com/2012/index.asp>



COLLEGE PLANNING

City of Boston Scholarship: If you are a resident of the City of Boston, have a high school diploma or GED, and plan to pursue higher education at a post-secondary institution in Massachusetts, apply now to receive a City of Boston Scholarship. Deadline: Apr 2. www.cityofboston.gov/scholarship

Boston Scholarship Guide: Information about local scholarships available to help you pay for college! www.BostonScholarshipGuide.com

College Success Academy: The Steppingstone Foundation's newest program designed to help more Boston schoolchildren graduate from college is accepting applications from fourth graders at the Jackson/Mann and Edison K-8 schools in Brighton. Deadline: Feb 17. 617-423-5300, www.tsf.org/csa

Bottom Line's College Access Program: Bottom Line helps students get into college, graduate, and succeed in life. The one-on-one counseling they provide will give you the time and attention you need to navigate the college application process. High school juniors can learn about eligibility requirements and apply online <http://bottomline.org/for-students/student-application.aspx>. 500 Amory Street, Jamaica Plain. Ann, 617-524-8833, ann@bottomline.org

Let's Get Ready: FREE SAT Prep program open to juniors and seniors who have qualifying financial need. Spring programs run Feb- May so students are prepared to take the SAT on May 5. Program partners with an area college and runs for 9 weeks and meets for 3 hours twice a week. 617-345-0085, www.letsgetready.org

Free Financial Aid help from ACCESS!: ACCESS is hosting walk-in hours to help students and families with financial aid. Bring a valid photo ID and your (and your parents') most up to date tax returns to get started on the financial aid process today! Every Tues & Thurs, 3:30-6:30pm. Center for College Affordability, 31 St. James Ave, Suite 520, Boston.

College Preparation & Financial Aid Counseling: Weekly programs are designed to help teens explore college options, learn about college life, and prepare for the experience. Enjoy college tours, SAT prep, help with college apps, and financial aid assistance. <http://westendhouse.org/education.html>

Prepare Your FAFSA for College Financial Aid!: Get help paying for college by submitting a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Begin your application today! For a list of documents required from you and your parents, check out www.fafsa.ed.gov. Please remember to check the deadline to submit the FAFSA at each of the schools you are applying to!

Common Application: Save time by applying to multiple schools with one application! This application is available online and in print and is accepted at more than 300 colleges! www.commonapp.org www.accessedu.org



TAX TIME

Boston's Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Coalition: EITC is a coalition which includes the Mayor's Office for Jobs and Community Services, along with non-profit, corporate, and community partners. EITC has provided low and moderate-income taxpayers with free financial services since 2001. From Jan-Apr, EITC provides free tax preparation at 28 volunteer-staffed locations around Boston. The Coalition also now offers a year-round financial coaching program including help for students with guidance on their online FAFSA form.

www.bostonredevelopmentauthority.org/eitc/default.asp



FAMILY FUN

Franklin Park Snow Festival: Have fun outdoors this winter by sledding, winter animal tracking, or building snow people at Franklin Park. Bring your sleds and cross country skis to ride down a hill or ski the gentle slopes of the golf course and woodlands. Open to ALL ages. A limited number of sleds and snowshoes are available. Feb. 4, 12-3pm. 617-442-4141. www.franklinparkcoalition.org

BCA's Families Connect: Families are invited to the free movement workshop. Explore how everyday movements can inspire dance with BCA Resident Contrapose Dance through an interactive workshop. Limited spaces available. Feb 11, 2-3:30pm. Mills Gallery, 551 Tremont St. 617-426-1119, www.bcaonline.org

2012 Academy Award-Nominated Short Films: Come see the Oscar-nominated shorts in animation. Audiences get the chance to experience some of today's most exciting independent film work. Tickets: \$10 nonmembers; \$8 members & students. Feb 20, 1:30pm. Barbara Lee Family Foundation Theater, 100 Northern Ave, Boston. 617-478-3100, www.icaboston.org



PARKS

Children's Winter Festival: Bring your family to the Franklin Park Clubhouse for a day of indoor and outdoor activities including a family movie showing, a marionette puppet show, and face painting, along with sledding and snowshoeing (if weather permits) Feb 23, 10-2pm. Lauren, lauren.patrick@cityofboston.gov, 617-635-4505 x3051

Free Photography Workshop: Learn tips and techniques for taking great photos! Send your photos to lauren.patrick@cityofboston.gov to be selected in a 4-week exhibit at City Hall. Feb 5, 10-11am. Millennium Park, West Roxbury.



Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts: Approaching its 100th anniversary, Girl Scouts is an affordable option for families and offers financial assistance. Be a part of history this year by volunteering your time and talent with Girl Scouts and make a lasting impact on your community. 888-9-GIRL-SCOUT, www.hergirlscouts.org

**FOR
GIRLS
ONLY**

Healthy Girls, Healthy Women: The Healthy Girls, Healthy Women program is looking for organizations and youth groups interested in receiving FREE workshops on health and nutrition topics impacting girls and young women between the ages of 10-18. Workshops are led by high school-aged peer leaders and address nutrition, physical activity, body image and healthy relationships. Sharon, sodametey@hria.org

Science Club for Girls: Science Club for Girls provides leadership and unique program opportunities for girls, where they build leadership, public speaking, teaching, and facilitating skills as co-mentors in science clubs. The Teen Program is now accepting applications for the spring from girls in grades 7-12. Application: www.scienceclubforgirls.org, 617-391-0361



Kindergarten Readiness Nights at the Children's Museum: Kindergarten Readiness Nights feature hands-on activities that encourage children to use skills they will need in kindergarten. Admission \$1 per person. First Friday of every month, 6-8:30pm. Boston Children's Museum, 308 Congress St. 617-426-6500, www.bostonkids.org

**EARLY
CHILDHOOD**

Countdown to Kindergarten Play to Learn Playgroups: Boston children ages 1-3 and their parents can sign up to attend free parent-child playgroups this winter. All caregivers are welcome to attend to build a community of peers for support, to foster nurturing behaviors and to help children learn skills for success in school. Rosa, 617-635-9288, playgroup@Boston.k12.ma.us, www.countdowntokindergarten.org/playtolearn.html

One Tough Job: The Massachusetts Children's Trust Fund knows how hectic the life of a parent is, so they provide parents with the expert information, tips and support to be the best parent they can be. www.onetoughjob.org



**SOCIAL
NETWORKS**

MBTA Fare Discussions: Do you use MBTA services? Make your voice heard on the issues surrounding the new fare proposals! Join in on the discussions taking place around Boston to voice your ideas about the proposed changes on the MBTA. For information on meeting locations, go to www.mbta.com.

BYF on Twitter: Follow the Boston Youth Fund on Twitter to get instant updates on HOPELINE summer job registration and help with the application process! @BostonYouthFund

Introducing Citizens Connect Live!: Did you know you can now contact the Mayor's 24 Hour Hotline via the City of Boston website? Use the "LIVE - CHAT NOW" button on the city's home, contact, or Constituent Services pages to start chatting now! www.cityofboston.gov

Mayor's Youth on FACEBOOK: Become a fan today! Get instantaneous updates on contests, job opportunities, programs and more. www.facebook.com/MayorsYouthBoston



Environmental Protection Agency: Join the Environmental Protection Agency in helping to make the streets of Chinatown clean! Meet every Sun, 11am-1pm, to participate in a community-wide neighborhood cleanup. All ages welcome. Jinhe, blscurrentevents@gmail.com

SAVE THE PLANET

Green Clothing Consciousness Month: This February, buying clothing made with organic cotton, purchasing used clothing, or avoiding dry cleaners can make an impact on reducing greenhouse gases! For more tips on how to be more conscious when buying clothing, visit www.greenamerica.org.

Energy Saving Tip: If you aren't in the room, turn off the lights. Always remember to flick that switch or unplug that light when you leave the room. For more energy saving tips, check out www.nstaronline.com/residential/energy_efficiency/facts.asp



The Boston Youth Zone E-Newsletter includes youth events from the City of Boston Calendar! Now you can search for events, sign up for email or text message reminders, map the location of the event and much more. www.BostonYouthZone.com/calendar Check out some cool events:

EVENTS

Thu, Feb 2, 4-6pm
[C.R.A.K Poetry Youth Speaks Spoken Word Poetry Reading](#)
BPL Fields Corner Branch

Wed, Feb 8, 3:30-4:30pm
[Teen/Tween Craft Hour](#)
BPL Central Branch

Thu, Feb 9, 4-5pm
[Family Game Night](#)
BPL Charlestown Branch

Fri, Feb 10, 11am - 12pm
[Art and Architecture Tour](#)
BPL Central Branch

Mon, Feb 13, 3:30pm
[Hot Chocolate and a Movie](#)
BPL Central Branch

Mon, Feb 13, 6-8:30pm
[MBTA Public Meeting](#)
BPL Central Branch

Tue, Feb 14, 7-9pm
[College Nights at the Frog Pond](#)
Boston Common Frog Pond

Tue, Feb 21, 1-5:30pm
[Chess and Checkers with Charlie](#)
BPL Hyde Park Branch

Fri, Feb 24, 10-11am
[Children's Films](#)
BPL East Boston Branch

Mon, Feb 27, 6pm

[Monday Night Film Series:](#)

[Black and Beautiful, Celebrating African American Actresses](#)

BPL Central Branch



YOUTH WORKERS

Youth Work Intensive Conference: The 11th Annual Youth Work Intensive Conference is a professional development conference for youth workers sponsored by the BEST Initiative. This conference includes networking, interactive skill-building workshops and an opportunity to celebrate the work we all do to support the development of young people. Mar 13 & 14, UMASS Boston.

www.youthworkcentral.org

2012 US Youth Soccer Workshop: This convention features educational sessions for coaches, referees, administrators and exhibitors involved in youth soccer. This event also features field demonstrations, an exhibit hall, and the Awards Gala. Feb 16-18. Hynes Convention Center, Boston. www.mayouthsoccer.org

Update Your Programs on BOSTONavigator: Make sure youth, parents, guidance counselors, and youth workers can find your program on BOSTONavigator by keeping your information updated. This also allows for more accurate search results throughout the website. www.bostonnavigator.org

Rate Your Program on BOSTONavigator: Tell your past program participants to use BOSTONavigator's ratings feature! Encourage them to complete a review of your program to get the word out about your work and help other youth connect to programs that will benefit them. www.bostonnavigator.org

Do You Want to Add Information to the Boston Youth Zone Newsletter?: If you would like to add information about your program, please email Youthline@cityofboston.gov by the 23rd of each month. Please include details about the program, cost, location and who someone should contact for more information.

The Mayor's YOUTHLINE is a resource for young people, parents, educators and youth workers. Teen listeners offer a variety of referrals to art, athletic, educational, employment, entertainment, legal, health and social service programs and organizations. Call the YOUTHLINE at 617-635-2240 or search the online database of youth programs at www.BostonYouthZone.com

The Mayor's Youth Council is working to connect young people in Boston with resources and opportunities. For more information on the MYC and our projects: www.BostonYouthZone.com/myc

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