

## May Youth Resources & Opportunities



**BOSTON  
MOVES**

**Boston Moves for Health:** Join Mayor Menino's new campaign aimed at improving the health and fitness of the City of Boston. As part of the initiative, the mayor has challenged residents to lose one million pounds and move (walk, run, hop, swim, skip, etc) 10 million miles. Join the challenge for FREE! The site allows you to create a profile, track your health goals, get nutrition tips, and attend group activities to support friends and family to a healthier lifestyle. Some classes listed in the calendar, like yoga, offer a free a class for the first visit. Join the movement today! [www.BostonMovesForHealth.org](http://www.BostonMovesForHealth.org)



**Phillips Brooks House Summer Urban Program:** Join one of the 10 affordable summer programs in Boston and Cambridge for children. Camps include academic enrichment, fieldtrips, and recreation. Deadline: FCFS. Priority given to low income families and returning campers. For locations and details: <http://programs.pbha.org/sup>

**SUMMER  
PLANNING**

**Camp Harbor View:** Pre-registration applications are available! Camp Harbor View provides a healthy and fun outdoor experience for middle school students, with hiking, arts and crafts, sports programs and swimming. The program also builds confidence, encourages creativity, and helps campers develop the leadership skills they need to succeed during school and beyond. Two 4-week sessions for Boston youth ages 11-14. The \$5 fee per session includes transportation from 14 locations throughout Boston to Long Island in Boston Harbor. [www.campharborviewfoundation.org](http://www.campharborviewfoundation.org)

**Summer Stuff 2012:** Boston Public School's Summer Stuff houses summer job, program, and event information for middle and high school students. Summer Stuff Jr. is available for elementary school youth and is full of summer camp options. [www.bostonpublicschools.org/summer](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/summer)

**BOSTONavigator:** BOSTONavigator now has new features! These updates make your search and ability to access youth programs easier than ever. Find programs located in Boston that are providing transportation or making special accommodations for Boston students from early childhood through age 24. Emailing search results is easier too, now with the ability to add comments for the addressee. Check out all of the new features: [www.bostonnavigator.org](http://www.bostonnavigator.org)

**Mayor's Youth Boston Facebook Page:** Become a fan of MYB on Facebook! Learn about job opportunities, resource fairs, scholarships, contests, and important deadlines on a DAILY basis. [www.facebook.com/mayorsyouthboston](http://www.facebook.com/mayorsyouthboston)



**Boston Centers for Youth & Families Summer Guide:** Register now for all of the summer programs that community centers are offering for the summer of 2012. This guide includes important information about a variety of summer camps, sports leagues and more. [www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf](http://www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf)

**BCYF  
SPRING  
INTO  
SUMMER**

**BCYF FACTS Program (Fourteen Year-Olds Acquiring Confidence, Training & Skills):** FACTS gives 14-year-olds the chance to work within BCYF community centers. Get prepared for future employment through hands-on experience at community centers by assisting with summer programs and events for their younger peers. 617-635-4920 x2209.

**Camp Joy:** For Boston residents ages 3-22 with disabilities. This 4 week summer camp provides structured, daily opportunities for participants to make new friends, have fun, learn and grow during the summer months. [www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf](http://www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf)

**Snap Shot Teen Photography Program:** Snap Shot introduces teens to all aspects of photography. Led by a professional photographer, the program includes visits to art galleries and museums, "photo safaris" around Boston and gives the teens the opportunity to serve as "staff photographers" for many BCYF programs and events across the City. Participants are paid by John Hancock's MLK Summer Scholars Program and attend a workshop every Friday. 617-635-4920, [www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf](http://www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf)



**The Artemis Project:** Apply now for this FREE, five-week computer science program for rising 9th grade girls. Learn how to design your own websites, build and program robotics and MORE. Deadline: May 1. Jun 25-Jul 27. [www.bu.edu/lernet/artemis](http://www.bu.edu/lernet/artemis)

**BPS  
SUMMER  
STUFF**

**Boston Bar Association Summer Jobs Program:** Boston high school students entering grades 11-12 can apply to work in law firms and legal departments. Participants are paid. Applications now available. Contact your guidance counselor or PIC career specialist for more information.

**Career Days at Bunker Hill CC:** Take FREE college classes this summer! Course titles include: App Master, CSI, Creating Onscreen Magic, The Next Iron Chef and MORE. For students entering grades 11, 12 and graduating seniors. Jul 9-20. [www.bhcc.mass.edu/summercareerdays](http://www.bhcc.mass.edu/summercareerdays)

**Summer Transportation Institute:** Learn about the opportunities that exist in the transportation industry at UMass Boston for FREE. Learn about bridge design, transportation and careers with field trips, projects and computer training. For students entering grade 9-12. Jun 27-Jul 29. [www.sti.umb.edu](http://www.sti.umb.edu)

**City Spotlights Leadership Program:** Develop skills in leadership, dance, music, spoken word and acting while exploring hip-hop culture. Students will be PAID a stipend. Ages 14-19. Jul 9-Aug 10. [www.citicenter.org/education/event/?id=197](http://www.citicenter.org/education/event/?id=197)

**Upward Bound:** Get ready for college with Upward bound and Upward Bound Math/Science programs offered in the summer at four universities in Boston. For students in grades 9-10. Take classes to prepare for the SAT and MCAS or focus on math and science skills. Students can receive a stipend. Deadline: Varies by program. Contact Roxbury Community College, Suffolk University, UMass Boston, or Wheelock College for more information.



## JOBS & SERVICE

**BCYF's 2nd Annual Junior Coaches Leadership Academy:** BCYF is offering a youth coach training program this summer! The Academy will teach teens desirable leadership and coaching skills that will qualify them for employment as junior coaches/counselors at summer camps and other out-of-school activities. Participants are eligible to earn a stipend while they train. To qualify for this program participants must be registered with the Boston Youth Fund. Deadline: May 8, Cheryl Brown, [cheryl.brown@cityofboston.gov](mailto:cheryl.brown@cityofboston.gov), 617 635-5206 x102

**ABCD SummerWorks Job Registration:** 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](http://www.summerworks.net)

**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](mailto:ric.kahn.jcs@cityofboston.gov), [www.writeboston.org](http://www.writeboston.org)

**Boston PIC:** 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](http://www.BostonPIC.org)

**Teen Resume Guide:** Create a resume to be able to share with potential job leads. This guide includes a variety of formats samples, tips on how to tell your story, and great action words to describe your work and volunteer experience. [www.bostonyouthzone.com/myc](http://www.bostonyouthzone.com/myc)

**Job Tips for Teens:** There are many things to keep in mind as you look for a job. In addition to money, a job or an internship can provide you with new skills and a chance to investigate careers you might be interested in pursuing. This guide includes advice for young job seekers in Boston and resources to help you in your search. [www.bostonyouthzone.com/myc](http://www.bostonyouthzone.com/myc)



## FEATURED PROGRAMS

**Teen Empowerment Youth Peace Conference:** Join us for the 20th Annual Boston Youth Peace Conference. Share ideas, enjoy performances, and more! The theme: 20/20 Vision: Youth in Focus. May 12, 12-5pm. Burke High School, Grove Hall. Tickets: \$2 in advance, \$3 at the door. 617-536-4266, [www.teenempowerment.org/conferences.html](http://www.teenempowerment.org/conferences.html)

**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 in the class of 2013 can learn about eligibility requirements and apply online at <http://bottomline.org/for-students/student-application.aspx>. 500 Amory Street, Jamaica Plain. Ann, 617-524-8833, [ann@bottomline.org](mailto:ann@bottomline.org)

**LatinSummer Boston:** This 2-week summer enrichment program provides students in grades 1-7 a chance to learn about the classical world! T-shirts provided! Registration fees range from \$65-250, depending on financial need, and are accepted by mail or online until May 15. Weekdays from Jul 23-Aug 3, the Roxbury Latin School. [www.ascaniusyci.org/boston](http://www.ascaniusyci.org/boston)

**Biomedical Research Institute:** This opportunity is for rising high school juniors and seniors who want to participate in research in the biomedical field. This two-day program is taught by Emmanuel College professors, from 9:15am-3:15pm. Students will become engaged participants in current research projects ongoing at the college. Registration fee: \$25. [bissardi@emmanuel.edu](mailto:bissardi@emmanuel.edu)

**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](mailto:lmika@bphc.org)

**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. Regular Enrollment deadline: May 14, cost: \$700. Michael, 312-659-0246, [www.campcardiac.org](http://www.campcardiac.org)

**Earn-A-Bike-Summer Session:** Choose a bike and learn the skills to not only build it up, but maintain it as well. At the end of the program the bike is given to you. You also go on bike adventures to explore places in Boston and look into environmental awareness topics. To qualify for enrollment, BOTH the application and payment need to be submitted. Session #1: Jul 4-Jul 20, deadline Jun 27 Session #2: Jul 25-Aug 12, deadline Jul 18. Elijah Evans, at 617-522-0222 x101, [elijah@bikesnotbombs.org](mailto:elijah@bikesnotbombs.org), <http://bikesnotbombs.org/earn-a-bike>

**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>

**Zumix:** Check out this non-profit cultural organization dedicated to building community through music and the arts. It's also an alternative way for young people to deal with frustration, anger and fear. 260 Sumner St., East Boston. 617-568-9777, [www.zumix.org](http://www.zumix.org)

**Summer Teen Studio Art Intensives:** The MFA will be offering summer weekly studio art intensives for youth ages 12-18. Intensives include lessons in drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, fashion drawing, and more. Classes will be instructed by experienced educators and professional artists. Weekly classes will run from Jun 25-Aug 13. Cost: \$210-275. Limited scholarships available. [www.mfa.org/programs/studio-art-classes/summer-teen-intensive](http://www.mfa.org/programs/studio-art-classes/summer-teen-intensive)



**SPORTS**

**Old Spice Wes Welker Football Clinic:** This 2-day clinic is open to boys and girls ages 7 to 14 and focuses on the team concept and fundamentals of football. Welker and a number of top prep coaches will be on site to instruct. Participants will receive an autographed team photo, T-shirt, goodie bag with \$125 worth of merchandise, and the opportunity to win more! May 19-20, 9:30am-1pm. Bishop Fenwick High School. 888-839-2267, [www.WesWelkerClinic.com](http://www.WesWelkerClinic.com)

**Bike Friday:** On one Friday a month throughout the summer, Boston Bikes hosts a party at City Hall for the city's cyclists. Join a bike commuter convoy, follow a fixed route to City Hall, and enjoy a free breakfast and coffee. Plus, learn the best routes and tips for city riding and bicycle commuting. May 18, Jun 15, Jul 27, and Aug 31, 6:45-9am. [www.bikefridays.org](http://www.bikefridays.org)

**Piers Park Sailing:** Piers Park Sailing Center offers FREE sailing programs for youth throughout the summer. Piers Park is located in East Boston near the Maverick T stop on the Blue Line. Register now! [www.piersparksailing.org](http://www.piersparksailing.org)

**Community Boating Junior Program:** Gain skills in kayaking, sailing, or windsurfing on the Charles River this summer! Ages 10-18. Must be able to swim 75 yards and has a parents' permission to participate. Sliding scale fee. Register now. Runs Jun 18-Aug 24, 9am-3pm. 617-523-1018 x12, [www.community-boating.org](http://www.community-boating.org)

**40 mile Bike-A-Thon:** This year's Bike-a-Thon will have a new 40-mile route, which heads straight out west to the Farm Pond area in Dover and Sherborn. You can volunteer at this event by biking along the route to help riders, setting up tents and banners, supervising festival activities. Jun 3, rain date: Jun 24. Register online. <http://bikesnotbombs.org/>

**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

**Row Boston Summer Clinics:** Week-long rowing clinics will be held from 9-4pm during the weeks of Jul 9- Jul 20, Jul 23- Aug 3, and Aug 6- Aug 17, Aug 20-Aug 31. These clinics are open to both boys and girls ages 12-18 with all skill levels. No rowing or swimming experience required and all transportation is provided from Boston to the Community Rowing Boathouse in Brighton. Register: 617-779-8277, [www.communityrowing.org/outreach/boys-row](http://www.communityrowing.org/outreach/boys-row), [www.communityrowing.org/outreach/girls-row-boston](http://www.communityrowing.org/outreach/girls-row-boston)



## ARTS

**FELA!** Emerson College will be hosting the award-winning Broadway musical, "FELA!" at the Cutler Majestic Theatre. FELA is the true story of Kuti, who created a type of music, Afrobeat, and mixed these pounding eclectic rhythms with incendiary lyrics that opening attacked the corrupt and oppressive military dictatorships that rule Nigeria and much of Africa. May 1-6 <https://artsemerson.org>

**"I'M H.I.P Fashion/Talent Show":** Start Strong will be hosting a fashion/talent show to promote healthy relationships as the way to prevent teen dating violence and abuse. May 19, 5-8pm 35 Northampton St. [startstrong.fashionshow@gmail.com](mailto:startstrong.fashionshow@gmail.com), 617-306-4949

**Boston's Arts At Your Fingertips!** ArtsBoston.org is an online arts and entertainment calendar where you can search for events, read reviews, and find your next great art experience. [www.ArtsBoston.org](http://www.ArtsBoston.org)



## APPLY NOW

**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 during the 2012-2013 school year. Apply now by downloading an application: [www.icaboston.org/programs/teens](http://www.icaboston.org/programs/teens)

**Boston Children's Chorus Auditions:** Calling all area singers ages 7-18! Do you want to sing in an environment that is exciting and supports building your musicianship and leadership skills? Auditions for BCC's 9th season will be held May 11-12. 112 Shawmut Ave., South End. Online application: [www.bostonchildrenschorus.org/contact\\_us/join\\_the\\_chorus](http://www.bostonchildrenschorus.org/contact_us/join_the_chorus). For questions: Anthony, 617-778-2242, [avictoria@bostonchildrenschorus.org](mailto:avictoria@bostonchildrenschorus.org)



## COLLEGE PLANNING

**Boston Scholarship Guide:** Information about local scholarships available to help you pay for college! [www.BostonScholarshipGuide.com](http://www.BostonScholarshipGuide.com)

**National College Fair:** Attend a FREE national college fair with over 400 colleges from across the world in attendance. Boston Convention Center and Exhibition hall. May 3-4. [www.nationalcollegefairs.org](http://www.nationalcollegefairs.org)

**The Official SAT Question of the Day:** Are you registered to take the SAT soon? Practice by signing up for CollegeBoard's SAT Question of the Day. Get a practice question sent to your email every day. <http://sat.collegeboard.org/practice/sat-question-of-the-day>

**Free Financial Aid help from ACCESS!:** ACCESS is hosting walk-in hours to help students and families with the financial aid process for college. Bring a valid photo ID and the most recent tax returns for you and your parents to get started on your FAFSA today! Every Mon & Wed, 3-6pm. Center for College Affordability, 31 St. James Ave, Suite 520, Boston. [www.accessedu.org](http://www.accessedu.org)

**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](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Please remember to check the deadline to submit the FAFSA at each of the schools you are applying to!

**BPS College and Career Guide:** The Boston Public Schools are committed to making sure that every high school graduate has the resources they need to meet success. Get tips on financial aid, college planning, cool events and much more. [www.bostonpublicschools.org/college](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/college)



## PARKS

**Return of the Swans:** The traditional Return of the Swans begins with a reading of the famous "Make Way for Ducklings", read by a Boston Park Ranger. Children and families can then participate in a parade around the Lagoon, leading Romeo and Juliet back to their summer home. The celebration will include a brass band and face painters. Refreshments will be served. May 1, 11am  
[www.cityofboston.gov/parks](http://www.cityofboston.gov/parks)

**Mahoney's Tomato Giveaway & Summer Event:** Families can participate in free activities during the two-hour event, listen to a Berklee College of Music Jazz Band and take a Tomato plant home, courtesy of Mahoney's Garden Centers. May 12, 10am-12pm. 617-635-4505. [www.cityofboston.gov/parks](http://www.cityofboston.gov/parks)

**Mayor Menino's Coffee Hours During the Month of May:** Residents of Boston have the chance to enjoy free informational Coffee Hours in various neighborhood parks throughout the city with the Mayor while discussing needs in their neighborhoods. The annual series, sponsored by Dunkin' Donuts, will take place from May 3-Jun 23. All participants will enjoy coffee and healthy breakfast treats provided by Dunkin' Donuts. [www.cityofboston.gov/parks](http://www.cityofboston.gov/parks)

Peter Looney Park, Charlestown, Thurs, May 3, 9-10 am

Ringgold Park, South End, Sun, May 6, 12:30-1:30pm

Iacono Park, Hyde Park Tues, May 15, 9-10 am

Walker Playground, Mattapan, Thurs, May 17 9 am

Fallon Field, Roslindale, Fri May 18, 9-10am

East Boston Stadium, Thurs, May 31, 9-10 am



**Big Apple Circus:** Take the family to the Circus for plenty of entertainment. See the spirited horses, jugglers, clowns, and more! Ticket prices vary. Through May 13. Boston City Hall Plaza. [www.bigapplecircus.org](http://www.bigapplecircus.org)

## FAMILY FUN

**Swan Boats of Boston:** One of the city's most enjoyable traditions, the Swan Boats of Boston are officially open for another season! Enjoy a 15-minute ride around the Public Garden Lagoon. Open every day, weather permitting. 10am-4pm. Boston Public Garden Lagoon. Adults: \$2.75, Children ages 2-15: \$1.50, Seniors: \$2.00. [www.swanboats.com](http://www.swanboats.com)

**Butterfly Festival:** WUMB Radio is hosting a Dominican Butterfly festival based on the book, "In the Time of the Butterflies". Enjoy a day of arts, crafts, traditional Dominican food, music, dance, and discussions of the book, the Dominican Republic, and more! A great and FREE event for families, students, and booklovers of all ages. May 6, 12-5pm. UMass Boston's Ryan Lounge, 3rd floor, McCormack Building. 617-287-5000, [www.umb.edu/news\\_events\\_media/events/butterfly\\_festival](http://www.umb.edu/news_events_media/events/butterfly_festival)

**Sunday Family Yoga Series:** The Sunday Family Yoga Series will be instructed by certified yoga teacher for 6 weeks starting on May 13. Families are welcomed to drop-in or to come to all 6 sessions. Discount for attending all 6 sessions: Adults: \$60, kids: \$36. Drop ins adult: \$16, kids: \$8 per class. Sign up online. [www.charlestownyoga.com](http://www.charlestownyoga.com), 617-241-0824

**Mother's Day at the Zoo:** Come celebrate Mother's Day at the Franklin Park and Stone Zoos with your family and visit all the mother animals. FREE admission for all mothers, \$17 for adults, \$11 for children, children under 2 are free. May 13, 10am-6pm. [www.zoonewengland.org](http://www.zoonewengland.org)

**Green Roots Festival:** The Green Roots Festival is an outdoor celebration with food, live music, exhibitors, vendors, and interactive children's activities, put on by Bikes Not Bombs. The Festival takes in the park adjacent to the Stony Brook T Station in Jamaica Plain. FREE, volunteers needed! Jun 3, 12-5:30pm. <http://bikesnotbombs.org/bike-a-thon/green-roots-festival>

**Earth Brings Back Roxbury Parade:** The parade will kick-off at 11 am from the newly revitalized Egleston Square YMCA, travel through the business district down Washington Street and Columbus Avenue, and will rejoin the Centre Street Wake Up the Earth Parade near Jackson Square. Volunteers and groups are welcome to join in the parade. Volunteer to construct masks, banners, puppets, and a float. May 5, 11am. [joshua@discoverroxbury.org](mailto:joshua@discoverroxbury.org), 617-427-1006

**Duckling Day Parade:** Friends of the Public Garden invite families to march in this year's Duckling Day Parade. Pre-registration and entertainment will begin at 10am on Boston Common at the base of the Shaw Memorial, just below the State House. \$35 donation per family to march in the parade (includes snacks, entertainment, and a toy for each child). May 13, 12pm. [www.friendsofthepublicgarden.org/kids](http://www.friendsofthepublicgarden.org/kids)

**Franklin Park Kite & Bike Festival:** Explore Franklin Park on wheels or join a guided tour. The first 50 people will get a free kite, and there will be plenty more for purchase. "Rent" a bike and helmet for free, play games, and have a spring picnic. An event for all ages! May 19, 11am-4pm. Franklin Park Playstead. 617-442-4141, [www.franklinparkcoalition.org](http://www.franklinparkcoalition.org)

**Lilac Sunday:** Of the thousands of flowering plants in the Arboretum, only one, the lilac, is singled out each year for a daylong celebration. Tours of the lilacs, dance performances, picnicking (allowed on this special day only), and family activities make for a memorable day. Be a part of this beloved Boston tradition! May 13, 10am-4pm. 617-524-1718, <http://arboretum.harvard.edu/news-events/lilac-sunday>

**Memorial Day Open House at the MFA:** Check out all the Museum of Fine Arts has to offer on Memorial Day. Free admission for all! May 28, 10am-4:45pm. [www.mfa.org/programs/special-event/memorial-day-open-house](http://www.mfa.org/programs/special-event/memorial-day-open-house)



**SAVE THE  
PLANET**

**BLS Youth CAN's Annual Climate Change Summit:** Work together for a cooler planet by attending Boston Latin School's Youth CAN Climate Change Summit! This summit is free to all students in grades 7-12, with breakfast and lunch included! Previous summits have included exciting keynote speakers, workshops, film screenings, entertainment, vendors, door prizes, and more! May 12, 9:30am-3:30pm. MIT's Stata Center, 37 Vassar St., Cambridge. MIT Red Line stop at Kendall Square. Register online: [www.blsyouthcan.org](http://www.blsyouthcan.org).

**Earthfest 2012:** This FREE festival is a family-friendly celebration of Earth, featuring activity booths, "green" product information, an interactive family area, and live music from Switchfoot, Third Eye Blind, and more! May 19, 11am-5pm. The DCR Hatch Memorial Shell. [www.earthfest.com](http://www.earthfest.com)

**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. [blscurrentevents@gmail.com](mailto:blscurrentevents@gmail.com)

**Take Mayor Menino's Climate Action Pledge!:** Feel like you want to help the environment, but don't know what to do? Join other Bostonians as they take Mayor Menino's Climate Action Pledge online and strive to conserve energy in their own households! [www.cityofboston.gov/environmentalandenergy/pledge.asp](http://www.cityofboston.gov/environmentalandenergy/pledge.asp)



**Spring Girls in Action with Bikes Not Bombs:** Girls ages 12-18 have the opportunity to engage in interactive bicycle mechanics, bicycle riding safety, and gender equity social justice. Free bicycle upon graduation! May 17-Jun 14, Mon-Thur, 3:30-6:30pm. Cost is \$25-\$50 sliding scale (scholarships available). Deadline: May 5. Apply online: <http://bikesnotbombs.org/girls-in-action>. Elijah, 617-522-0222

**FOR  
GIRLS  
ONLY**

**Little Miss and Young Miss Dorchester:** If you are a resident of Dorchester and a "Little Miss" ages 7-9, or a "Young Miss" ages 10-12, then you can apply. Winners must be able to attend the Dorchester parade. Annissa, 617-474-0797, [littlemiss@dotdayparade.com](mailto:littlemiss@dotdayparade.com)

**The Red Thread Fellowship:** Applications for 2012-2013 Red Thread Fellowship Program are now available! Open to college-bound women of international backgrounds, the fellowship consists of two parts: a scholarship award and a year-long mentorship support. Candidates for the program must submit their applications along with recommendation letters online by May 31. <http://redthreadwomen.org/about/fellowship-program>

**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](http://www.hergirlscouts.org)



**EARLY  
CHILDHOOD**

**Art Classes:** The Eliot School of Fine & Applied Arts offers art classes for children ages 2-6. They have small woodworking classes for 4-6 year olds, where kids learn how to use simple tools and visual art classes for 2-4 year olds to develop skills, imagination and confidence while having fun in a non-competitive, creative environment. Prices vary depending on the class. Register online. 617-524-3313, [www.eliotschool.org](http://www.eliotschool.org)

**Talk Read Play:** Boston's children thrive when they talk, read, and play! Find programs for younger children! Also, check out valuable resources and be the first to hear about awesome events. [www.talkreadplay.org](http://www.talkreadplay.org)

**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](http://www.bostonkids.org)

**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](mailto:playgroup@Boston.k12.ma.us), [www.countdowntokindergarten.org/playtolearn.html](http://www.countdowntokindergarten.org/playtolearn.html)



**SOCIAL  
NETWORKS**

**Follow the Mayor's 24 Hour Hotline on Twitter:** Get updates and alerts on important things going on around the city from weather advisories to approaching deadlines! @NotifyBoston

**Follow BYF on Twitter:** Follow the Boston Youth Fund on Twitter to get summer job updates! @BostonYouthFund

**Jobs and Community Service:** Become a fan of JCS and get updates on literacy, job training & placement, and support services. [www.facebook.com/BostonJobs](http://www.facebook.com/BostonJobs)

**Green Boston:** Be a fan of Boston's Go Green Facebook page and learn more about the City's efforts to protect the environment. [www.facebook.com/GreenBoston](http://www.facebook.com/GreenBoston)



## WALKS & RACES

**2.62-Mile Common Man's "Marathon":** This Sunday is the 2nd Annual 2.62-mile Common Man's "Marathon!" Runners under 16 can participate at no cost. All runners will receive a virtual race bag. Registration is open onsite and at: <https://register.gorun.org/CommonMansMarathon>. Apr 29, race starts at 9am. Northwest corner of Boston Common, intersection of Charles St & Beacon St. Wendy, 617-470-8579, [www.dbrotary.org](http://www.dbrotary.org)

**Project Bread's Walk for Hunger:** Join over 40,000 in raising money for MA food pantries, soup kitchens, and food banks by participating in the Walk for Hunger. Weaving through Boston, Brookline, Newton, Watertown, and Cambridge, the 20-mile route includes entertainment and free snacks along the way. May 6, rolling start on Boston Common between 7-9am. 617-723-5000, [www.projectbread.org](http://www.projectbread.org)

**Mother's Walk for Peace:** Walk with the Mothers of Boston in the annual 3.6 mile Peace Walk. Put your faith on your feet and walk for peace. May 13. Registration starts at 7 am, the walk from 8:30-10:30am. Town Field at Fields Corner. 617-825-1917, [www.ldbpeaceinstitute.org](http://www.ldbpeaceinstitute.org)

**Moving Towards a Cure Family Walk/Run:** Join us for Miles for Hope's 3rd Annual Moving Towards a Cure Walk/Run in honor of those who have lost their lives to cancer. Run or walk a 5K or 1 Mile and help to find a cure for brain tumors. Breakfast will be served. May 5, 9-11:45am. Artesani Park, Brighton. [www.braintumorevents.org](http://www.braintumorevents.org)

**12th Annual Haitian-American Unity Parade:** Celebrate Haitian culture and unity with music and cultural festivities. Mattapan Square/Blue Hill Avenue. May 20, 1pm. Eno, 617-298-2976

**17th Annual Haitian Flag Raising Ceremony:** May 15, 12-2pm. Boston City Hall Plaza. 617-298-2976

**Walk for NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness):** Join us for another record-breaking, stigma-busting, and hope-instilling Walk for Mental Health. May 12. Artesani Park, Brighton. [www.namimass.org/nami-walk](http://www.namimass.org/nami-walk)



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](http://www.BostonYouthZone.com/calendar). Check out some cool events:

## EVENTS

Thurs, May 3, 4:30-6pm  
[Nerds Geeks and Gamers Discussion Group](#)  
BPL Grove Hall Branch

Fri, May 4, 10am-12pm  
[My Life, My Health](#)  
BPL West End Branch

Sat, May 5, 11am-2pm  
[Chess Instruction for Kids](#)  
BPL Allston Branch

Tue, May 8, 6-7pm  
[Hatha Yoga](#)  
BPL Fields Corner Branch

Thurs, May 10, 3-4pm  
[Spanish 101 for Kids](#)  
BPL Copley Branch

Thurs, May 17, 6-8pm  
["Redefining Our Community" Neighborhood Watch](#)  
True Vine Church, 40 Norfolk St, Dorchester

Sun, May 20, 2-3:30pm  
[Family Movie: Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer](#)  
BPL Copley Branch

Mon, May 21, 6-7:45pm  
[Strong Productions presents A Modeling, Etiquette & Television Production Workshop](#)  
BPL Dudley Branch

Thurs, May 24, 4-5pm  
[Hip Hop Around the Globe](#)  
BPL Grove Hall Branch

Thurs, May 31, 4pm  
[Read Your Way to Fenway Kick-off Craft](#)  
BPL South Boston Branch



## YOUTH WORKERS

**Parent University:** The next BPS Parent University is May 5 at Northeastern University. Parent U is a learning experience designed to help parents get a better understanding of how their children learn and develop and how to bring other parents together to work for school improvement. [www.bpsfamilies.org/parentuniversity](http://www.bpsfamilies.org/parentuniversity)

**Welcoming LGBT Families into Your Classroom:** Wheelock College is hosting a professional development course for educators, social workers, and child life specialists that will focus on understanding the needs of LGBT headed families and their children. Jul 9-13, 9am-5pm. [www.wheelock.edu/summer](http://www.wheelock.edu/summer)

**Free Aquarium Tickets for Community-Based Organizations:** If your CBO would like to visit the aquarium, please visit the Community Programs at [www.neaq.org/community](http://www.neaq.org/community) and complete the visit request form. Summer booking fills up fast. 617-973-0281

**Add a Photo or Logo to Your Programs on BOSTONavigator:** Programs can now add an organization logo or photos to personalize your program page. At your user login, click the 'image' button. From there, you can add up to five photos. Be sure you have permission to publicly publish any images you select. Remember to update your program information to allow for more accurate search results throughout the website. [www.bostonnavigator.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.

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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](http://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](http://www.BostonYouthZone.com/myc)

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