



Boston Youth Sports News

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Coach Across America Training Institute Moving to BU

[Up2Us](#) and [Boston University Institute for Athletic Coach Education](#) (BUIACE) are excited to announce a new partnership to train Coach Across America AmeriCorps members. These young service oriented coaches are placed in different sites across the country in underserved settings full-time (1700 hours). This collaboration between Up2Us and Boston University will bring a first of its kind coach mentoring program to these coaches. The mentors are experienced coaches who are also graduate students of the coaching or sport psychology in the School of Education. The coach mentors' job will be to support C.A.A. coaches development throughout the year by providing follow-up to the initial trainings and individualized support.

The year of service begins ostensibly with training that is an intensive on-boarding experience in the second week of September. This training will be designed to initiate the building of rapport between the coaches and mentors and it will also aim to help the coaches get a good start along their path towards becoming knowledgeable, competent and reflective practitioners. As the only in-person training opportunity for CAA coaches, the training is designed to build skills for service and community amongst corps members. Sessions cover the most important foundational coaching competencies and basic SBYD topics so that coaches return to their host sites well versed in positive coaching philosophy, youth development and effective coaching techniques and methodology.

This program will build off the great work done by Wheelock College last year.

Grant and Funding Listings Highlight

[North Face: Explore Fund Grant Program](#), 10/5

The outdoor company, the North Face, has launched a grant program - the Explore Fund - which seeks to provide funding for U.S. nonprofit organizations that connects young people with the outdoors. For the 2011 funding year, there is \$125,000 available in funding, and grants of up to \$2,500 each will be awarded. Specifically, the North Face hopes to fund programs that aim to increase youth connectedness to nature, increase access to front and backcountry recreation, and provide education about personal and environmental health.

Read more specifics about the [guidelines](#) for applications at the North Face website. The application period for the Fall/Winter grants is just around the corner, opening on **September 1st and running until October 5th**. Grantees will be announced on November 7th, 2011.

Upcoming Deadlines

- > [Paul and Edith Babson Foundation](#), 9/9
- > [Bikes Belong Foundation Research Grants](#), 9/30
- > [Finish Line Sports Foundation](#), 9/30
- > [Baseball Tomorrow Fund, Major League Baseball](#), 10/1

Rolling Deadlines

> [U.S. Tennis Association Facility Assistance](#)

To find these listings and nearly 200 others, go to the link below and scroll alphabetically or use the keyword search and type in the organization name.

[BYSI Funding Database](#)

New Resource Highlight: "Heads Up: Concussion in Youth Sports"

This resource comes from a collaboration between the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and US Youth Soccer. The project, known as "[Heads Up: Concussion in Youth Sports](#)", provides information on concussion injuries as they relate to youth sports.

The CDC has dedicated a website to this initiative, in order to increase the accessibility of information for coaches, parents, school workers, health care professionals, and all others who may be involved in responding to a youth's concussion. The CDC hopes that knowledge of concussions will increase with access to the following materials:

- An online training for coaches;
- Fact sheets
- Magnets with concussion facts for coaches and parents;
- Posters with concussion facts for coaches and sports administrators;
- Quizzes to test your knowledge
- A pre-made clip-board handout with signs, symptoms, and a post-concussion action plan for coaches

All of these materials can be ordered or downloaded for free. If you are a coach, parent, teacher, or a committed volunteer who is often around youth sports activities and games - check out this resource today and get up-to-date with information on assessing, identifying, preventing, and responding to concussions among your youth. There are even fact sheets and other resources for athletes themselves to learn more about concussions in sports.

[Explore the Heads Up website](#)

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YOUTH SPORT POSITIONS

- > President, Appalachian Mountain Club
- > Controller, Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston
- > Aquatics Director, YMCA
- > Lifeguard, YMCA

- > Youth Sports Recreation Director, YMCA
- > Youth Sports Instructor, YMCA

VOLUNTEER

- > Volunteer Assistant Soccer Coach, America SCORES New England
- > Development Intern, Appalachian Mountain Club
- > Volunteer Operation Snowsports, Youth Enrichment Services

Click here for more details about the listed [Job Opportunities](#).

TRAINING/EVENTS

YOUTH SPORTS TRAININGS/EVENTS

- > Up2Us National Summit 2011: Think Globally, Play Locally, 10/4-6

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- > Boston Social Media Summit, 9/20
- > Strategic Decision Making for Community-Based Organizations, 9/27

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[Detailed Training and Event Information](#)

The Boston Youth Sports Initiative (BYSI) promotes youth sports as a positive youth development and physical fitness approach. Working with and for Boston's urban youth sports programs and supporters, BYSI encourages, strengthens, and builds network connections, with the goals of improved information sharing, quality, scale, and sustainability in the sector. BYSI is a strategic initiative of Boston After School & Beyond. A key part of the BYSI is the newsletter which is edited by Janice M. Epstein.

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