FALL 2017

Dear Potential YELL Participant,

Thank you for your interest in joining the YELL Leadership Program and volunteering with Burnaby MoreSports!

Burnaby MoreSports started in 2007 to provide an opportunity for all children to have fun and develop life skills by participating in sport. It has brought hundreds of smiles to children’s faces, but not without the support of our excellent volunteers. Volunteers are a vital part of the MoreSports program. They are role models who help keep the programs fun, safe and exciting.

We are now recruiting youth for our YELL Leadership Program - come join the fun! Volunteering in this unique program will not only support our MoreSports program, but will provide you with an environment to develop valuable leadership and pre-employment skills. You will receive training and mentoring as well as opportunities to obtain certifications. The YELL program can help you meet graduation requirements, get future jobs, meet new friends, and learn life skills!

This package outlines the YELL program in detail and includes a registration form. Please complete and return the following pages:

* YELL Registration form
* Youth Leadership Release and Waiver of Liability form
* YELL Code of Conduct
* Early Dismissal form
* Consent to a Criminal Record Check form

**Please bring the completed forms to your Career Prep Advisor or to the Program Coordinators, Larissa and Joey, on your orientation date or your first Burnaby MoreSports session.**

We are gearing up for an exciting sports season and hope that you will join us! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Larissa Hum & Joey Ratcliffe

Acting Program Coordinators – Burnaby MoreSports

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**Burnaby MoreSports YELL Leadership Program  
INFORMATION & PROGRAM DATES**

**What is Burnaby MoreSports?**

The Burnaby MoreSports Program aims to create community sport programs in Burnaby neighbourhoods, so that all children and youth have an opportunity to develop life skills and a love of sports. This program is a collaboration with the City of Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, the Burnaby School District, and the Burnaby Neighbourhood House. All of these organizations recognize a need for a program like this to exist in Burnaby. The program implements non-competitive sports activities to encourage children of all abilities and ages to gain an interest in staying physically active. The program is offered after school to students in grades 2-5 at Morley Elementary, Kitchener Elementary, Armstrong Elementary, Edmonds Community School and Stride Ave. Community School. The sports they will learn will depend on the season; in the fall we offer basketball, in the winter we offer handball and floor hockey and in the spring we offer soccer.

**What is YELL Leadership Training?**

The Burnaby MoreSports YELL (Youth, Engage, Learn, Lead) Leadership Program is designed for youth in grades 10-12 to learn about leadership, competency, conflict resolution, teamwork, pre-employment skills and organizing sports activities. The role of the youth volunteers at program is to assist the staff in running the lessons and drills, while acting as coaches and mentors to the grade 2-5 students. Through training sessions and their experiences at program, the youth will gain skills in mentoring, working with young children, and providing a safe environment, as well as attain knowledge and techniques involved with being a community sports coach. Furthermore, MoreSports offers High Five training to all of the program’s coaches, providing an opportunity to receive a valuable certification.

**How much time is involved?**

Youth volunteers are expected to attend the training sessions at the start of each season and to commit to coach at least one day per week. The dates for this Fall 2017 season are as follows:

Orientation/Training Sessions

Youth must attend one of the two dates:

**Tuesday, September 26th 4-6pm** OR

**Wednesday September 27th 4-6pm**

Both sessions will be held at Burnaby Neighbourhood House. Training is mandatory, as it will cover important information about the program and the role of YELL coaches.

High Five Training

Tentative date: Friday, October 20th (Pro-D Day) – Will be confirmed later in the season

Program Dates

Please note that there is no program on early dismissal days, Pro-D Days or holidays (includes Oct 31st – Halloween), as per the SD41 elementary school calendar. If there are early dismissals or Pro-D Days at high schools that are not also in effect at elementary schools, the youth must still attend program at the elementary schools.

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| **School** | **Dates** | **Time** |
| Stride Ave. | Mondays: Oct 2nd – Dec 4th (cancelled on Oct 8, Oct 23, Nov 13) | 3:00-5:15pm |
| Edmonds | Tuesdays: Oct 3rd – Nov 28th (cancelled on Oct 31) | 2:48-5:00pm |
| Kitchener | Wednesdays: Oct 4th – Nov 29th | 3:00-5:30pm |
| Armstrong | Wednesdays: Oct 11th – Nov 29th | 3:00-5:15pm |
| Morley | Fridays: Oct 6th – Dec 1st (cancelled Oct 20, Nov 10, Nov 24) | 3:00-5:30pm |

**Who can I contact if I have more questions?**

Please contact the Acting Program Coordinators, Larissa Hum and Joey Ratcliffe, at [burnaby.moresports@gmail.com](mailto:burnaby.moresports@gmail.com) or at 778-918-2921 & 604-376-0556.

**YELL Registration Form – FALL 2017**

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| Last Name: | First Name: |
| Home Phone: | Cell Phone: |
| Email: | |
| School: | Grade: |
| Gender: | Date of Birth:  YYYY/MM/DD |
| Address: | |
| City: | Postal Code: |
| Emergency Contact Name: | Emergency Contact Relation: |
| Emergency Contact Phone: | Cell/Work Phone: |
| CareCard/Health Insurance #:  (Health insurance is required) | |
| I have a life-threatening condition:  □ Asthma □ Bee Sting □ Food Allergy: | |
| Other health concerns, disabilities, allergies, or dietary needs we should be aware of: | |

**Please check when you would like to volunteer:**

**Stride Ave:** □ Mon. 3:00-5:15pm

**Edmonds:** □ Tues. 2:48-5:00pm

**Armstrong:** □ Wed. 3:00-5:15pm

**Kitchener** □ Wed. 3:00-5:30pm

**Morley:** □ Fri. 3:00-5:30pm

**Youth Leadership Release and Waiver of Liability Form**

* I/We have read, and am willing to accept the objectives of the Burnaby MoreSports Leadership Program as described by the program. If I am unable to attend a session, I will do my best to inform the program staff of my absence.
* I/We have completed an up-to-date medical form and agree to inform Burnaby MoreSports staff of changes affecting its accuracy.
* I/We understand the risks and description of activities associated with the Burnaby MoreSports Leadership Programs.
* I/We agree to follow all responsible instructions and directions of the leaders and instructors duly appointed by the Burnaby Neighbourhood House, City of Burnaby and School District 41 in connection with the operation of the Burnaby MoreSports Program.
* I/We authorize Burnaby MoreSports to use any photographs or video taken of our son/daughter while participating in any Burnaby MoreSports Program for brochures and promotional materials and to take part in the evaluation process for the Burnaby MoreSports program.
* I/We understand that I/my son/daughter will be dismissed immediately for:
  + Use of illicit drugs or alcohol while taking part in Burnaby MoreSports sponsored events and activities.
  + Harassment, physical aggression, including threats directed toward other participants, staff, volunteers or families
  + Profanity and verbal abuse directed toward others.
* In the event that my son/daughter is injured, ill, or in need of medical attention and I am unable to be contacted, I authorize Burnaby MoreSports staff to seek medical care for and/or admit to hospital on my behalf.

*I/We hereby release, remise and forever discharge Burnaby MoreSports, its employees or agents, of and from all manner of actions, cause of action, claims and demands of whatsoever nature which result from any accidental injury, loss or expense sustained, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in any program or attendance at any location operated by Burnaby MoreSports.*

**Participant (Print name) Participant (Signature)**

If individual applying for program is under 19 years of age, please include parent/guardian signature.

**Parent (Signature) Date**

**EARLY DISMISSAL – FALL 2017**

Dear Teacher,

Your student, , has expressed interest in the YELL Youth Leadership Program and Burnaby MoreSports. This letter is intended to inform you about the program and to ask permission for an early dismissal on program days.

**What is Burnaby MoreSports?**

Burnaby MoreSports is a collaborative initiative between SD41, the City of Burnaby and the Burnaby Neighbourhood House that provides sport and physical activity opportunities for *all* children. In particular, it encourages involvement from children who do not currently participate in sport or who face barriers to participation.

**What is the YELL Leadership Program?**

YELL (Youth, Engage, Learn, Lead) is the youth leadership program which supports Burnaby MoreSports. YELL provides training and mentoring for youth as they develop skills to coach and work with children. The Youth practice their skills through hands-on work in the MoreSports programs.

**Your student will be volunteering at the following time(s):**

□ Mondays, **Oct 2 – Dec 4,** 3:00 – 5:15pm at Stride Ave. Community School

□ Tuesdays, **Oct 3 – Nov 28**, 2:48 – 5:00pm at Edmonds Community School

□ Wednesdays, **Oct 4 – Nov 29**, 3:00 – 5:30pm at Kitchener Elementary School

□ Wednesdays, **Oct 11 – Nov 29**, 3:00 – 5:15pm at Armstrong Elementary School

□ Fridays, **Oct 6 – Dec 1**, 3:00 - 5:30pm at MorleyElementary School

Your student would like to be dismissed at \_\_\_\_ in order to make it to the program on time. Please sign below to give permission for this student to be dismissed early.

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| **Teacher’s Name (Print)** | **Subject** | **Teacher’s Signature** |
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Thank you for your support of this valuable program. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,  
Larissa Hum & Joey Ratcliffe – Acting Program Coordinators