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Imagine Corps - Innovation Camp for Metrowest Teens July 7-10

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Hi Dawn, Shaun, Erin, and Colleen,

It was wonderful to spend time with you yesterday.

As promised, below please find a description of Imagine Corps including a teen friendly outreach for our **Imagine Corps 2025 Innovation Camp for Metrowest Teens, July 7-10 (4:30-8:30pm)** at the **YMCA Outdoor Center**. **Flyer also attached, too, plus** lot's of links to learn more about past 5 years of Imagine Corps cohorts in Hopkinton, Martha's Vineyard, and elsewhere.

Potential MetroWest Community Challenge: While we can explore other challenges, and have some early conversations with Julian Chun around sustainability, I'm really excited about the prospects of extending the movement/momentum that you and our Hopkinton teens (Hop Youth +) have begun for a **Nicotine Free Generation (NFG)** to surrounding towns in MetroWest. **How might MetroWest teens be a catalysts for the NFG tipping point?** It seems the potential for impact is really timely. If the stars all aligned for a collaboartion, I would consider moving the dates of Imagine Corps to your planned youth event at the YMCA later in July, or having Imagine Corps be a primer for your event, or most likely, in someway supporting both.

Dawn, Errin, Colleen, I look forward to exploring this with you Thursday or when you can. We have a small window of time to reach middle and high school teens before school ends. I appreciate your help.

Our two big opportunities:

- How to reinforce what you AND teens would say "Heck, ya" I want to work on that.
- How to make teens aware of the opportunity we create:
 - I've only begun to reach out to Holliston and Ashland ([Ashland Community Bulletin Board for Imagine Corps](#)). I think the trick is getting to existing groups of teens that are already inclined to want to make a difference.
 - I'd especially like to reach out to Neha Ninan to explore this idea with her... as an extension of the journey she and her group have been on. Would you make this connection for me?
- How to provide scholarships as necessary
 - The Lions Club is already a funding partner, Solect energy is considering, and a grant to make it FREE for all participants would be ideal.... but may be too late this time around but who knows.

I look forward to exploring.

In the meantime, please share with anyone — students, parents, or community members — you think would be interesetd ... or nominate students (on our website, too). www.imaginecorps.org

With appreciation, Joe

IMAGINE CORPS is a collaborative innovation learning and community service program for youth — our future impact makers. It's designed to provide 21st Century facilitative leadership, creative problem-solving, collaboration, and resiliency skills they need to help succeed in school, work, and relationships. And then pairs them with non-profits so they can apply their new skills to real challenges in the community.

Imagine Corps 2025 Summer Innovation Camp, July 7-10, 4:30-8:30pm

Fun, friends, innovation—and a chance to make a real impact!

Imagine Corps returns to this summer! Join other MetroWest teens for an exciting four-day Innovation Camp designed to boost your creative and collaborative problem-solving skills, earn community service hours—all while tackling a real community challenge. It's an impactful way to enhance your college applications as well.

Here's what to expect:

- Days 1-2: Interactive workshops to sharpen your innovation, creativity, and teamwork.
- Days 3-4: Put your new skills into action, solving a real challenge framed by the **Town of Hopkinton - Sustainability and Economic Development** and shaped by YOU! .
- Final night: Showcase your emerging ideas/solutions at a high-energy Concept Jam & Celebration with community stakeholders.

Program Details:

- **When:** July 7-10, 4:30-8:30 pm (early evenings only)
- **Where:** YMCA Outdoor Center (Hayes Building), Hopkinton, MA
- **Who:** Students ages 13-17 (rising 8th-12th graders)
- **Cost:** \$399 (scholarships available)

Apply for the camp, nominate a friend, and or sign-up a FREE experiential **1-hr Taste of Imagine Corps** (next one Monday, June 16th 6:30-7:30pm Zoom). Register here: www.imaginecorps.org/about

Check out past successes from Hopkinton, Martha's Vineyard, St. Thomas, and beyond at [Imagine Corps Success/Experiences \(2020-2024\)](#).

Questions? Reach out anytime!

TEEN INNOVATORS WANTED

Got ideas? Let's make them real.

Build bold ideas with a team and make a difference in your community.



IMAGINE CORPS 2025 INNOVATION CAMP for Metrowest Teens (ages 13-17)

- Team up with creative minds
- Solve real challenges from your community
- Build leadership, confidence & problem solving
- Earn community service credits



July 7-10, 2025

4:30 - 8:30 pm

YMCA Outdoor Center
Hopkinton, MA

Make a difference.
APPLY NOW



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**Scholarships available.
Limited spots.**

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Hopkinton Independent Article - ["Imagine Corps Pairs Teens with Local Non-Profits"](#)

Martha's Vineyard Radio - [MVY Radio - Imagine Corps Interview](#)

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