

Navigation Games

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Mission: develop, share and deliver navigation education for children, engage families and enable access to the sport of orienteering, and promote public health through outdoor exercise.

Dear friends and supporters of Navigation Games,

This year we focused on helping educators teach orienteering, which greatly expands our reach and impact. Highlights:

- Our 6-class orienteering unit is now formally integrated into the Cambridge Public Schools 3rd-grade curriculum. PE teachers at 12 schools delivered two-thirds of the lessons on their own, reaching over 450 children.
- 80% of our programs were taught or co-staffed by teachers, counselors or coaches from partner organizations.
- We delivered 9 professional development workshops in school districts and conferences on the East Coast, to educators and afterschool providers.
- Teens helped deliver over 30 of our classes and events.
- We organized 335 classes and events for over 5,000 participants.

We could not have done all this without our amazing volunteers, staff, partner teachers and loyal supporters. So thank you to all of you!

Please help us continue our work in bringing orienteering education to schools and youth-serving organizations by making a one-time tax-deductible donation or setting up a recurring monthly donation. Through December 31st, your gift will be DOUBLED by several donors, up to \$10,000!

YOUR DONATION PROVIDES:	\$5,000 Start up in a school district: planning, map, demos, teacher workshop
	\$2,500 Professional development workshop to educators
	\$1,000 Teaching kit, including maps
	\$ 100 Print lesson plans and maps for demonstration classes at a school

You can donate:

- On our website: www.navigationgames.org
- By sending us a check, made payable to Navigation Games, to 116 Henry St, Cambridge, MA 02139
- Via Venmo or PayPal (@NavigationGames)

In 2023, we will be looking for staff to run our **summer** teen internship program and **volunteers** to help teach; we are also seeking **resident orienteers** from the US or abroad. (See the next page for a partial list of volunteer opportunities).

Hope to see you out in the field in 2023!

Barbara Bryant, President, Navigation Games



2022 Programs



Workshops for 80 Educators and After-school Providers

- Cambridge Public Schools (CPS)
- Lexington Public Schools
- Boston-based event open to the public
- Massachusetts Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance Convention
- Virginia Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance Convention

Lesson Plans and Materials

- Our activity and lesson plans for K-12 schools are now available online and without cost
- Created kits to accompany the lesson plans for CPS 3rd-grade PE units
- Updated and/or made new maps of 9 outdoor spaces in the greater Boston area
- Commissioned new graphics for Animal-O, our most popular beginner learning activity
- Published At Home Orienteering, a book of orienteering games focusing on exploring, spatial memory and understanding maps. Available on Amazon.

School Programs

- Supported the delivery of the CPS 3rd-grade PE orienteering curriculum: a 6-class unit (4.5 hours of programming) provided to over 450 pupils
- Provided programming for over 200 students in 13 classes for World Orienteering Day at Cambridge Street Upper School
- Coached 3 CPS upper school teams, reaching 60 students
- Supported the CRLS high school orienteering coach

Outside of School

- Private and partner events, reached 200 people
 - Birthday parties
 - Small after-school learning pods
 - Scout outings
 - Partnership with Elevate Youth
 - Mass Audubon event
 - New England Orienteering Club meet
 - Cambridge Camping April program
- Classes and events offered through town recreation departments, reached 55 people
 - Newton
 - Brookline
- Public events in Cambridge in partnership with Cambridge Sports Union
 - Vampire-O at Danehy Park with 120 participants
 - Orienteering meet at Magazine Beach

Summer Programs

- Worked with 9 teens for 5 weeks from the Cambridge Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program. We taught them how to orienteer, lead and teach classes at city summer camps; they taught 15 classes and worked on projects to support our mission.
- Newton Recreation camp - reached 30 kids over 2 weeks
- Brookline Recreation camp - reached 15 kids over 3 weeks
- Supported the orienteering specialist for Camp Grossman, who worked with hundreds of campers

2023 Looking Forward

We have a variety of opportunities available. We have specific roles (requiring different time commitments) and we can work with you to craft a unique volunteer experience. We can train you and will also certify volunteer hours. Please reach out to Maija (admin@navigationgames.org) if you want to know more about the following opportunities or you have ideas about how to get involved:

- Director and Assistant Director for our teen internship program: Seven weeks in Summer 2023.
- Three-month volunteer orienteering teachers and mappers, throughout the year. Open to visitors from other countries; room and board provided.
- Coaching middle school teams: 2 hours a week for 6 weeks, late April to early June.
- Equipment manager: Minimum 6 hours per month for 6 months.
- Elementary school program assistants: Minimum 8 hours per week, mid-February to mid-June.

To provide financial support, to help us extend and strengthen our programming, you can donate:

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