

 **BLACK
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**2024
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About the Black Boy Joy Summit 2024

The Black Boy Joy Summit is more than just an event – it's a movement to empower young Black and Brown men. Our mission? To spark potential, offer mentorship, and create a community where dreams turn into reality. Through our workshops, keynote speakers, and dynamic discussions, we explore key areas like academics, career prep, health, wellness, leadership, and community engagement.

This year, we're bringing together a powerful lineup of mentors, leaders, and professionals dedicated to equipping youth with the tools to thrive. Every participant will leave with new knowledge, skills, and inspiration to own their future.



Harvard & the Legacy
of Slavery Initiative

With gratitude for Harvard & the Legacy of Slavery Initiative's support in making the Black Boy Joy Summit accessible to all Black and Brown youth.

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Letter from **CRAIG AARONS-MARTIN**

Welcome to the 2024 Black Boy Joy Summit! 🎉
With immense gratitude and excitement, I share this Resource Directory with you. This Summit is more than an event—it is a movement rooted in love, empowerment, and joy for our Black and Brown youth. 🌟

As we gather, we celebrate the brilliance, resilience, and potential within each young person present. ✨ Our mission is simple yet profound: to provide these young men with the tools, resources, and support they need to thrive, not just survive. 💪 This directory reflects our shared commitment—built through the unwavering support of partners, sponsors, donors, volunteers, and advocates who believe in the transformative power of education and unity. 🤝

Inside these pages, you'll find carefully curated resources designed to nurture the academic, personal, and professional journeys of our young men. These offerings are meant to empower them, open doors, and light the path forward. 🚀

Thank you for joining us in this essential work. Together, we are not just changing lives—we are creating a legacy of love, possibility, and Black Boy Joy. ❤️🎉🎵

With deep appreciation,



Founder, Black Boy Joy Summit
CEO and Founder, CCM Education Group



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The incredible success of the Black Boy Joy Summit is thanks to the unwavering generosity, support, and dedication of our amazing sponsors, donors, partners, and volunteers. We are beyond grateful to each of you for believing in our mission and helping us bring this vision to life! Together, we are amplifying Black Boy Joy!

Sponsors

A huge thank you to our sponsors, whose contributions make this event possible. Your commitment helps us provide life-changing opportunities for our young Black and Brown men.



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To our incredible donors, thank you for your generosity and belief in the future of our youth. Your support fuels the dreams and aspirations of the next generation of leaders!



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Partners

We are so grateful to our amazing partners, whose collaboration and dedication make this summit possible. Thank you for being champions of our mission and amplifying the power of community!



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Champions & Volunteers

A special shoutout to our phenomenal volunteers & champions! Your time, energy, and heart have made the Black Boy Joy Summit a success. We see you, we appreciate you, and we couldn't have done this without you!

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Thank You 🌟

To everyone who played a part in bringing this event to life, we celebrate you. Your contributions uplift our youth and ensure that their joy, brilliance, and potential shine bright!

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Black Boy Joy Summit 2024: Igniting Brilliance and Building Futures

The Black Boy Joy Summit is not just an event—it's a transformational movement designed to empower young Black and Brown men. Our mission is to ignite potential, offer mentorship, and foster a community where dreams turn into reality. Through interactive workshops, keynote speakers, and insightful discussions, participants dive into key areas like academics, career preparation, health, wellness, leadership, and community engagement.

To make it easy for you to connect with the wealth of resources available, we've organized this directory by the Summit Tracks. Each track highlights organizations, mentors, and programs that align with the themes explored during the Summit. Whether you're an attendee, parent, or community partner, you can outreach to these organizations to learn more about their programming, and explore opportunities to engage with them for further support or collaboration.



Art, Media, and Communications



STEM: Science, Tech, Engineering, Mathematics



Entrepreneurship: Minding My Black-Owned Business



Health & Wellness: Mind, Body, & Spirit



Relationships & Community Partnerships



Leadership & Advocacy: Lead the Change

By exploring the organizations and programs in this directory, you're taking the first step toward realizing your potential and shaping your future. We encourage you to connect with these amazing resources, reach out for more information, and seize the opportunities they offer.

Together, we're building a brighter future and celebrating Black Boy Joy!

ART, MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS



If you're passionate about **creativity, expression, and media**, this track is for you! Explore partnerships with organizations that offer artistic programs and media literacy opportunities.

Outreach: Connect with arts programs in music, visual arts, graphic design, and media platforms to further explore your creative voice.

Boston Public Library – Teen Central

Overview: Offers various programs, including academic support, college prep, and technology training, tailored to the needs of Black youth.



Website: [Teen Volunteer Program | BPL](#)
Facebook: [Boston Public Library](#)

Instagram: [@bplboston](#)
Twitter: [@BPLBoston](#)

Hyde Square Task Force

Overview: Hyde Square Task Force's Jóvenes en Acción supports Latinx, immigrant, and first-generation college-bound youth. Our College Success Program helps them earn degrees, while Creative Development and Community Engagement amplify their voices through advocacy, organizing, and Afro-Latin arts.



Website: [Hyde Square Task Force](#)
Facebook: [Hyde Square Task Force](#)

Instagram: [@hydesquaretf](#)
Twitter: [@HydeSquareTF](#)

826 Boston

Overview: 826 Boston is a nonprofit writing, tutoring, and publishing organization where students in grades K-12 and beyond can share their stories, amplify their voices, and develop as leaders in school and in life.



Website: [826 Boston](#)
Facebook: [826 Boston](#)

Instagram: [@826boston](#)
Twitter: [@826boston](#)

Artists for Humanity

Overview: Teens work in a variety of fine art and design mediums in a creative studio setting. They work collaboratively with professional artists and designers, and earn and learn new skills—all while providing creative services for AFH's clients. Artistic experience isn't necessary, but a passion for creativity and learning—and earning—on the job is!



Website: [Teen Jobs - Artists For Humanity](#)
Facebook: [Artists For Humanity](#)

Instagram: [@afhboston](#)
TikTok: [@artistsforhumanity](#)

STEM: SCIENCE, TECH, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS



For those curious about the world of **innovation and technology**, this track provides **STEM-based resources** and hands-on opportunities to engage with **AI, engineering, and coding**.

Outreach: Reach out to **STEM-focused organizations** offering mentorship, workshops, and exposure to careers in **science, tech, and engineering**.

Harvard/MIT Minority Introduction to Engineering and Science (MITES)

Overview: A summer program introducing high school students of color to careers in engineering and science, providing mentorship, academic enrichment, and exposure to college-level coursework.



Website: [mites - mit](https://mites.mit.edu)
Facebook: [MITES](https://www.facebook.com/MITES)

Instagram: [@mitesatmit](https://www.instagram.com/mitesatmit)
TikTok: [HowtoGetIntoMITES](https://www.tiktok.com/@HowtoGetIntoMITES)

National Society of Black Engineers

Overview: NSBE Jr. ignites young minds' passion for STEM, guiding them on a journey of discovery and innovation. As a member, you'll join a vibrant community dedicated to empowering the next generation of Black engineers and scientists.



Website: [Pre-Collegiate Initiative \(K-12\)](https://www.nsbe.org/pre-collegiate-initiative)
Facebook: [NSBEBoston](https://www.facebook.com/NSBEBoston)

Instagram: [@nsbeboston](https://www.instagram.com/nsbeboston)
Twitter: [@NSBEBoston](https://twitter.com/NSBEBoston)

FutureChefs

Overview: Future Chefs empowers Boston youth to shape their future by offering leadership opportunities and skills development for personal and professional growth beyond high school. We believe the life and knife skills learned in the kitchen can be meaningfully applied to all aspects of life.



Website: [Future Chefs](https://www.futurechefs.org)
Facebook: [Future Chefs](https://www.facebook.com/FutureChefs)

Instagram: [@futurechefs](https://www.instagram.com/futurechefs)
TikTok: [@futurechefs_boston](https://www.tiktok.com/@futurechefs_boston)

ENTREPRENEURSHIP: MINDING MY BLACK-OWNED BUSINESS



Interested in launching your own business? This track connects you with **entrepreneurship resources**, local success stories, and opportunities to build a solid business foundation.

Outreach: Partner with **business mentors** and **entrepreneurial organizations** to gain insights on business planning, funding, and starting your **Black-owned venture**

Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts

Overview: Offers various programs, including youth leadership development, academic support, and career readiness initiatives aimed at empowering Black youth.



Website: [Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts](https://www.urbanleague.org/eastern-massachusetts)

Facebook: [Urban League of Eastern MA](https://www.facebook.com/UrbanLeagueEMass)

Instagram: [@ulem_boston](https://www.instagram.com/ulem_boston)

Twitter: [@UrbanLeagueEMass](https://twitter.com/UrbanLeagueEMass)

Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF)

Overview: Provides a range of programs for youth, including educational support, recreational activities, and leadership development, with many programs tailored to the needs of Black boys.



Website: [BCYF](https://www.bcyf.org)

Facebook: [BCYFCenters](https://www.facebook.com/BCYFCenters)

Instagram: [@BCYFCenters](https://www.instagram.com/BCYFCenters)

YouthBuild Boston

Overview: Provides training and support in construction, design, and landscaping for young people, with a focus on those from underserved communities, including Black boys.



Website: [YOUTHBUILD BOSTON](https://www.youthbuildboston.org)

Facebook: [YouthBuild Boston](https://www.facebook.com/YouthBuildBoston)

Instagram: [@youthbuildboston](https://www.instagram.com/youthbuildboston)

Twitter: [@YBBoston](https://twitter.com/YBBoston)

SCORE Massachusetts

Overview: Provides free business mentoring and resources to entrepreneurs and small business owners, offering guidance from seasoned professionals to help start, grow, and manage businesses successfully.



Website: [SCORE](https://www.score.org)

Facebook: [SCOREmentors](https://www.facebook.com/SCOREmentors)

Instagram: [@score_mentors](https://www.instagram.com/score_mentors)

ENTREPRENEURSHIP: MINDING MY BLACK-OWNED BUSINESS



BUILD

Overview: Empowers underserved high school students through entrepreneurship training, helping them develop skills like teamwork, leadership, and business planning to succeed in school and beyond.



Website: [BUILD Boston](#)

Facebook: [BUILD](#)

Instagram: [@build_national](#)

TiE Young Entrepreneurs (TYE) Boston

Overview: Fosters leadership and entrepreneurship in high school students by guiding them through real-world startup creation, offering mentorship, and the chance to compete for seed funding.



Website: [TYE Boston](#)

Instagram: [@tieboston](#)

Junior Achievement of Greater Boston

Overview: Prepares young people for economic success by providing programs that foster entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and work readiness, inspiring youth to own their future.



Website: [Junior Achievement of Greater Boston](#)

Facebook: [Junior Achievement of Greater Boston](#)

Instagram: [@ja_greaterboston](#)

The Possible Zone

Overview: Engages high school students in entrepreneurship, creativity, and STEM education, offering hands-on learning and mentorship to inspire future innovation and success.



Website: [The Possible Zone](#)

HEALTH & WELLNESS: MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT



Your well-being is essential! This track provides access to programs focused on fitness, mental health, and emotional wellness.

Outreach: Get connected with wellness organizations that offer tools for fitness, mindfulness, and supporting mental health within the Black community.

The Base

Overview: A sports and education program using baseball to engage urban youth, providing academic support, college readiness, and life skills training.



Website: [The BASE](#)
Facebook: [The BASE](#)

Instagram: [@TheBASEBoston](#)
Tiktok: [@thebase_boston](#)

Boston Public Health Commission – Start Strong Initiative

Overview: Offers programs like the Start Strong initiative, which focuses on building healthy relationships and preventing youth violence, with a focus on Black and Brown youth.



Website: [Start Strong](#)
Facebook: [Start Strong](#)

Instagram: [@StartStrong_BPHC](#)
Tiktok: [@StartStrongBPHC](#)

HoodFit Massachusetts

Overview: A community organization dedicated to empowering young Black men through fitness, mentorship, and leadership programs. Hoodfit promotes mental and physical well-being, helping youth develop resilience and confidence.



Instagram: [@hoodfitma](#)
Twitter: [@HoodfitMA](#)

Facebook: [Hoodfit Massachusetts](#)

HEALTH & WELLNESS: MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT



Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston

Overview: Offers a range of programs focused on academic success, healthy lifestyles, and character development, with targeted initiatives for Black boys.



Website: [Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston](https://www.bgc.org/boston)
Facebook: [Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston](https://www.facebook.com/BoysandGirlsClubsOfBoston)

Instagram: [@bgcboston](https://www.instagram.com/bgcboston)
Twitter: [@bgcb](https://twitter.com/bgcb)

Samaritans

Overview: Provides suicide prevention services through 24/7 helplines, support groups, and community education, offering emotional support to anyone in distress.



Website: [Samaritans](https://www.samaritans.org)
Facebook: [Samaritans, Inc.](https://www.facebook.com/SamaritansInc)

Instagram: [@samaritanshope](https://www.instagram.com/samaritanshope)
Twitter: [@SamaritansHope](https://twitter.com/SamaritansHope)

RELATIONSHIPS & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



Strong relationships are key to personal and community growth. This track helps build connections through mentorship and community collaboration.

Outreach: Reach out to mentorship programs and community organizations to strengthen your support network and foster positive relationships.

My Brother's Keeper Boston

Overview: A city-wide initiative inspired by President Obama's My Brother's Keeper program, focused on improving life outcomes for young men of color through mentorship, educational support, and workforce development.



Website: [MBK617](https://www.mbk617.org)

Facebook: [@MyBrothersKeeper617](https://www.facebook.com/MyBrothersKeeper617)

Instagram: [@MyBrothersKeeper617](https://www.instagram.com/MyBrothersKeeper617)

He Is Me Institute

Overview: Supports Black male educators and youth through teaching practicums, mentorship, and professional development, aiming to increase Black male representation in teaching roles.



He Is Me Institute

Website: [He Is Me Institute](https://www.heismeinstitute.org)

Facebook: [He Is Me Institute](https://www.facebook.com/HeIsMeInstitute)

Instagram: [@heismeinstitute](https://www.instagram.com/heismeinstitute)

Twitter: [@HeisMeInstitute](https://twitter.com/HeisMeInstitute)

Young Man With A Plan Team

Overview: Focuses on developing leadership, academic skills, and community involvement in young men of color to prepare them for future success.



Website: [Young Man With A Plan](https://www.youngmanwithaplan.org)

Facebook: [Young Man With a Plan](https://www.facebook.com/YoungManWithaPlan)

Instagram: [@ympwap_boston](https://www.instagram.com/ympwap_boston)

Southern New Hampshire DUET Program

Overview: Offers personalized, flexible college programs designed to meet the needs of working adults and non-traditional students.



Website: [Duet - Boston](https://www.duetdegree.com)

Facebook: [Duet](https://www.facebook.com/Duet)

Instagram: [@duetdegree](https://www.instagram.com/duetdegree)

TikTok: [@duetdegree](https://www.tiktok.com/@duetdegree)

RELATIONSHIPS & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



Boston Lesbian Gay Foundation

Overview: Supports LGBTQ+ individuals of color through advocacy, education, and services that promote equality, health, and well-being.



Website: [Boston Lesbian Gay Urban Foundation](https://www.bostonlesbianurbanfoundation.org/)
Facebook: [Boston Lesbian Gay Urban Foundation](https://www.facebook.com/BostonLesbianGayUrbanFoundation/)

Instagram: [@boston_lesbianurbanfoundation](https://www.instagram.com/boston_lesbianurbanfoundation)
TikTok: [@bostonblackpride](https://www.tiktok.com/@bostonblackpride)

More Than Words

Overview: A nonprofit bookstore empowering youth to take charge of their lives by learning business, leadership, and personal skills while managing a bookstore.



Website: [More Than Words](https://www.morethanwords.org/)
Facebook: [More Than Words Youth](https://www.facebook.com/MoreThanWordsYouth)

Instagram: [@mtwyouth](https://www.instagram.com/mtwyouth)

Greatest Minds Boston

Overview: Provides mentorship, networking, and professional development opportunities to young Black and Brown men in the Boston area.



Website: [Young Man With A Plan](https://www.youngmanwithaplan.org/)
Facebook: [Young Man With a Plan](https://www.facebook.com/YoungManWithaPlan)

Instagram: [@ympwap_boston](https://www.instagram.com/ympwap_boston)

Office of Black Male Advancement

Overview: Promotes equitable access to opportunities for Black men and boys in Boston through policies, programs, and partnerships aimed at improving outcomes.



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Black Male
Advancement

Website: [Black Male Advancement](https://www.cityofboston.gov/blackmaleadvancement)
Facebook: [Office of Black Male Advancement](https://www.facebook.com/OfficeofBlackMaleAdvancement)

Instagram: [@officeofbma](https://www.instagram.com/officeofbma)

RELATIONSHIPS & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



Food for Free

Overview: Provides a directory of food and free meal sites across Greater Boston & Cambridge, ensuring access to nutritious food for individuals and families in need.



FOOD FOR FREE

Website: [Need Food - FoodForFree.org](https://www.needfood.org)

Facebook: [Food For Free | Somerville MA](https://www.facebook.com/foodforfree)

Instagram: [@foodforfreeorg](https://www.instagram.com/foodforfreeorg)

Twitter: [@foodforfreeorg](https://twitter.com/foodforfreeorg)

Housing, Health, Hunger & Help: Food and Free Meal Sites

Overview: Provides a directory of food and free meal sites across Boston, ensuring access to nutritious food for individuals and families in need.

Website: [Food and Free Meal Sites - Housing, Health, Hunger & Help](https://www.foodandfree.meal.org)

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Facebook: [Black Boy Joy Summit Boston](https://www.facebook.com/blackboyjoyboston)

Instagram: [@blackboyjoyboston](https://www.instagram.com/blackboyjoyboston)

TikTok: [@blackboyjoysummit](https://www.tiktok.com/@blackboyjoysummit)

LEADERSHIP & ADVOCACY



Ready to step up as a leader? This track offers partnerships with organizations focused on youth leadership, advocacy, and community engagement.

Outreach: Connect with advocacy groups and leadership programs that empower you to take action and make an impact in your community.

City of Boston FutureBOS

Overview: We employ, develop, and engage Boston's youth. We do this by exposing youth to the workforce and bridging opportunities for personal and professional growth. Our goal is to create a future where youth are educated, equipped, and empowered to transition successfully into adulthood.



Website: [FutureBOS](#)
Facebook: [FutureBOSYouth](#)

Instagram: [@FutureBOSYouth](#)

Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF)

Overview: Provides a range of programs for youth, including educational support, recreational activities, and leadership development, with many programs tailored to the needs of Black boys.



Website: [BCYF](#)
Facebook: [BCYFCenters](#)

Instagram: [@BCYFCenters](#)

Boston Kappa League

Overview: A youth leadership development program sponsored by the Boston Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., focusing on personal development, academic excellence, and community service for young Black men.



Website: [Boston Kappa League](#)
Facebook: [BostonNUPES](#)

Instagram: [@BostonNUPES](#)
Twitter: [@BostonKappas](#)

LEADERSHIP & ADVOCACY



Follow Suit Mentoring

Overview: Empowers young men of color through mentorship, academic support, and personal development programs, fostering success in both school and life.

[FOLLOW SUIT MENTORING](#)

Website: [Follow Suit Mentoring](#)

Facebook: [Follow Suit by Ahmad Anthony](#)

Instagram: [@followsuitbyahmadanthony](#)

Teen Empowerment

Overview: Engages youth in community organizing and leadership development, focusing on social justice and creating positive change in their communities.



TEEN EMPOWERMENT

Website: [Teen Empowerment](#)

Facebook: [Teen Empowerment](#)

Instagram: [@teenempowerment](#)

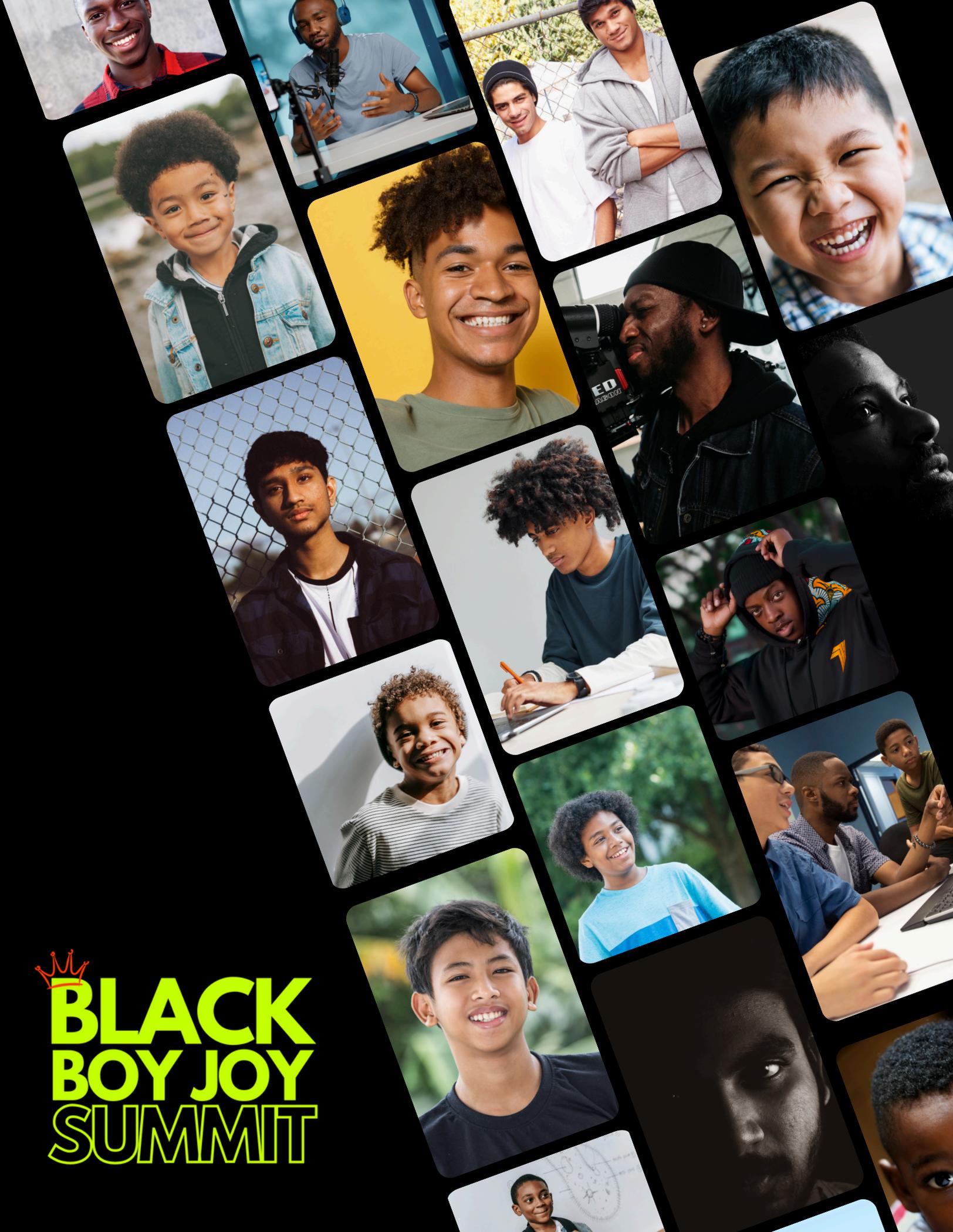
Twitter: [@TeenEmpowerment](#)



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2025

As we reflect on the success of this year's summit, we are already planning for Black Boy Joy Summit 2025. Our goal is to build on the momentum of this event and continue to provide valuable resources, support, and inspiration for our young Black and Brown boys. Stay tuned for more information about next year's event, including early registration, speaker announcements, and ways to get involved.






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