



# APEX News

April 2024

Dear Apex Friends:

## Spring is here..and Apex is GROWING!!!

I want to thank you all during my short time here as Interim executive director! I have enjoyed working with the board and staff, meeting all the kids in the program area and seeing an amazing community supporting Apex!

### *New Executive Director, Michael Chapman*

It is my pleasure to introduce your new Executive Director! Many of you already know Michael Chapman. Michael has served as programs manager at Apex since September, 2023. He has connected with the schools, participants and the community at large! The Apex Board of Directors are thrilled for Michael to take the reins and grow Apex over the coming months and years!

### *New Program Manager, Sarah Hoover*

Sarah Hoover is excited to step into her new role as Program Manager. She has been volunteering with Apex since 2017 and throughout that time has formed a deep passion for working with kids, bikes, and the local community. Sarah has had many adventures with Apex and the CBC including mentoring and riding in two Trek Across Maine, white water rafting, museum trips, mountain bike rides, and countless four-square games. Previous to this role, Sarah worked at the University of New England as an Undergraduate Admissions Counselor, teaching English in Madrid, Spain and at the United Way of York County leading program and volunteer management and community outreach. Sarah has spent the last 12 years calling Biddeford home. In this new role, Sarah is excited to work with Apex youth and the Biddeford community, making those dreams a reality.

### *Administrative Coordinator, Ally Demeule*

Ally Demeule has joined APEX Youth Connection as an Administrative Coordinator and is now the latest addition to our team! She is an enthusiastic and motivated lifelong Biddeford resident with over 8 years experience working in youth programming. Ally specializes in after school and summer program planning as well as activity preparation and procedure. She greatly enjoys hands-on work within her community and she is looking forward to collaborating alongside our passionate team at APEX. Ally loves to spend her free time foraging in the woods, ghost hunting at local spooky hot spots or baking vintage recipes she found in old thrift store books.



*(seated L: Sarah, Center Ally and background Michael)*

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**Open House May 1st 4pm-7pm!!!**





JOIN US!

# OPEN HOUSE

MAY 1ST, 4-7PM

JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION AT APEX YOUTH CONNECTION! COME LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS AND HOW TO GET INVOLVED. FREE HELMETS, FOOD, AND SMOOTHIES PROVIDED.

**PLUS A FREE BIKE RAFFLE!**

**45 GRANITE ST. BIDDEFORD, ME (207) 282-9700**





# *Ready, Set, Spring!*



Spring into the new season with a Community Bag! This April, every \$2.50 reusable Community Bag purchased at our selected Hannaford will send our organization a \$1 donation.

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Community Bag Program



## **Be A Volunteer at AYC!**

At Apex, wouldn't you like to join in the fun and the journey by becoming a volunteer? Every day we have young people coming to Apex to learn, hang out, socialize, make things and your mentorship would add to the experience for social and emotional support! Click here to view our Volunteer document and learn how you can be part of this venture! [Volunteer Interest Form](#)

Here's where you can be a part of this adventure. By donating in 2024, you will help us meet our annual goals and be in the strongest position possible. We are staying with our roots: The Bike Factory and will add lots of skills building activities for the youth in our community!

## **We Welcome Your Support!**

Use this link/website [Donate - Apex Youth Connection](#) to make a one time donation, or help us all year long with a recurring donation. Every gift makes a difference. With your help, Apex will continue to grow so we can be there for area youth. Thank you!

Lisa G. Martin, Interim Executive Director, and the Apex team (Michael, Matthew and Fabian)

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