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### Here's Your Charlotte NEXT Update!

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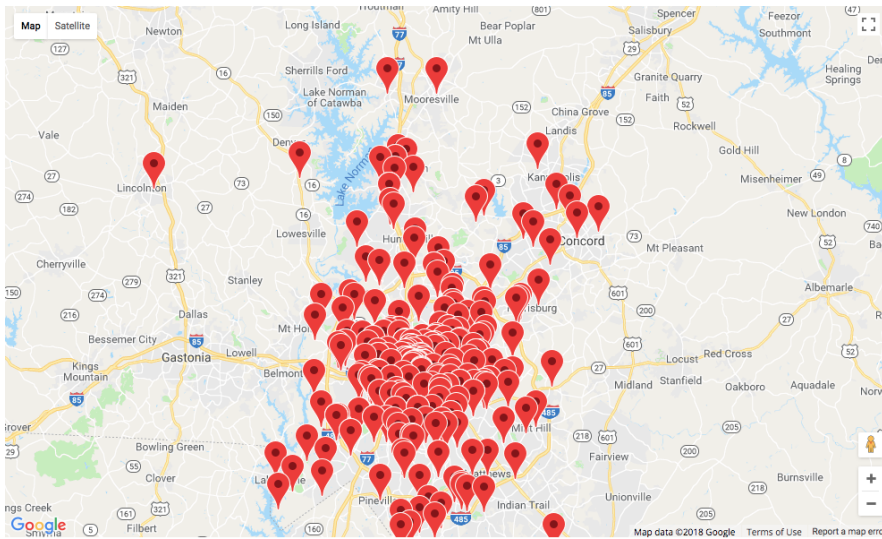


### Charlotte NEXT Blast!

Introducing the new...Charlotte NEXT Blast! Here is where you will find out the latest information about Charlotte NEXT. MeckEd is dedicated to providing quality out-of-school time programs and resources through our initiative: Charlotte NEXT.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Check Out [The Locator!](#)



The new and improved Locator has been live for over a month and has already received so many views and program requests since its debut! The Locator is an online tool that helps to connect children and families to Out-of-School Time programs as well as mentoring opportunities for young people and their families in Mecklenburg County. There are currently more than 300 program sites on The Locator.

For inquiries and information on The Locator, please contact Tiyana Brown at [tbrown@mecked.org](mailto:tbrown@mecked.org).

[The Locator](#)

**We want your feedback!**

**Please take about 3 minutes to complete our quick survey on The Locator.**

[Survey](#)

National Summer Learning Day



MeckEd celebrated National Summer Learning Day by participating in Freedom School Partners' Jubilee event! Students from the Charlotte, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, and Columbia Freedom School sites all convened at the Grady Cole Center

to enjoy a day of fun learning on National Summer Learning Day.

Thank you Freedom School Partners for allowing us to sit in on the Jubilee experience!

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!**

Apply to Be a Coach for Girls on the Run or Let Me Run!



#### **Girls on the Run is looking for coaches!**

Girls on the Run is a physical activity-based, positive youth development program that inspires girls in 3rd through 8th grade to be joyful, healthy and confident. The ten-week program incorporates running to teach critical life skills, encourage personal development and foster team building and community service.

**Did you know?** Girls' self-confidence begins to drop by age 9, 50% of girls ages 10 to 13 experience bullying, and physical activity levels decline at age 10.

Girls on the Run Charlotte currently serves about 4,000 girls in Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Counties, with over 50% of them receiving financial assistance to enable their participation in this life-changing program. Volunteers provide critical leadership and the non-profit organization is in need of coaches to facilitate the program with small teams of 8 to 15 girls.

Teams across greater Charlotte, including sites supported by the Charlotte NEXT grant (Albemarle Road Middle School, James Martin Middle School, and Sedgewild

Middle School) meet twice a week for 75-90 minutes and the program culminates with all teams participating in a celebratory 5K event. [Girls on the Run Charlotte's Fall Coach Registration](#) is now open and [program registration for participants](#) will open on August 20th.

Coaches need not be runners but must complete a background check and attend a training session.

**Upcoming coach training sessions are:**

- Saturday, August 18th, 8 am – 12 pm
- Monday, August 20th, 4 pm – 8:30 pm
- Thursday, September 6th, 4 pm – 8:30 pm
- Saturday, September 15th, 8 am – 12 pm

For more information about coaching and [Girls on the Run Charlotte](#), we invite you to join us at our Open House on Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm – 7 pm at the Girls on the Run office located at [801 E. Morehead Street, Suite 201, Charlotte, NC 28202](#).

Volunteers can register to serve as a coach by visiting, [www.gotrcharlotte.org/coach](http://www.gotrcharlotte.org/coach).

Join Girls on the Run Charlotte at our  
*Volunteer Open House*  
August 14th | 5 - 7 pm | 801 East Morehead St.

Connect with GOTR Staff and seasoned volunteers to learn how to become a coach, bring Girls on the Run to your location, or discover additional ways to get involved!

RSVP at <http://bit.ly/GOTRVolOpenHouse-Fall18>



**Let Me Run is looking for coaches!**

Please click [here](#) if you're interested in learning more about becoming a coach for Let Me Run.

*Want MeckEd to share your upcoming event or program? Have questions about how MeckEd can support your organization? Please email Tiyana Brown at [tbrown@mecked.org](mailto:tbrown@mecked.org).*




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