



YOUTH EMPLOYMENT IN PARKS



Week of June 13th

Chugach Foothills Connector Trail

This week and next week our crew members will be working on a connector trail in the Chugach Foothills neighborhood. They are grubbing, graveling, and building boardwalks for the community. The trail will connect many more community members from Chugach Foothills Park to Far North Bicentennial park. Even though the teens have only been at this project for a couple of days the trail is already coming together. We all can't wait to see how great it is when it's done! Also thank you to Karen Bronga for treating us to lunch our first day on the project!

Zipline and Independence Mine

This Friday for our weekly combination recreation and education day, we will be traveling to Wasilla to visit Independence Mine and go ziplining with MICA guides. Everyone is very excited and is hoping for great weather to go along with what will surely be a great day.



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First Recreation/Education Day

YEP crew members had the opportunity to go on a Phillips 26 Glacier Cruise last Friday for their first rec./ed. day. The cruise was narrated by a ranger and the teens learned about marine wildlife, the geologic history of the Sound, as well as glaciers. Everyone had a great time and, thankfully, no one got too sick!



Credit by Choice

Four crew members this summer have chosen to get school credit for doing YEP. The teens talked to their school guidance counselors before the year ended to set it up. Because YEP does education along with work it is a great way to get credit for a class outside of the school year. If parents or teens have any questions feel free to contact Virginia Hassel at HasselVE@muni.org.

Heads Up

There **will not be work** on Monday June 20th. Instead, Saturday June 25th, we will be helping with the community volunteer day at our Chugach Foothills Connector Trail.

Social Media

Facebook: Youth Employment in Parks

Instagram: @ancparkfoundation

Twitter: @AnchorageParks

YEP Crew Member of the Week



Name: Luis

Favorite park: Valley of the Moon

Favorite tool: The wheelbarrow

Project most excited about: Taku Lake/Campbell Creek because he lives close to it.

Interesting fact: He's a cheerleader and can do a back handspring.

Our opening dinner was a success!

Thank you to parents and friends for coming to the YEP opening dinner. We met a lot of great new people and ate a lot of great food!



YEP Summer Project Schedule

Week 0 June 6-10

Training Week & First Aid/CPR certification. Crews will learn about the program and receive training on trail building & safety.

Week 1 & 2 June 13-24

Graveling trail and building boardwalks at Chugach Foothills Trail.

Week 3 June 27-July 1

Building a trail connecting Rilke Schule German School with Meadow Park.

Week 4 July 4-8

Building rain gardens and planting at Cuddy Family Midtown Park.

Week 5 & 6 July 11-22

Streambank restoration at Taku Lake/Campbell Creek.

Week 7 & 8 July 25-Aug 5

New remote control car (RC) park and trail work at South Anchorage Sports Park.

Week 9 August 8-11

Mentorship week where the crew members will explore career & educational opportunities for successful futures.

Work Day Checklist

Crew members: each day, Before heading out the door, make sure you have everything you need!

- Packed Lunch
- Water
- YEP T-shirt
- Work boots
- Sturdy work pants
- Work gloves
- Safety glasses
- Hard hat
- Rain gear
- Warm layer
- Municipality ID
- Positive attitude!

Civic Engagement Contest

All season YEP will run a contest for crew members who can log the most volunteer hours outside of YEP time. Prizes will be awarded during the summer, along with an end-of-season grand prize for YEP's most active citizen!

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

June 16th- APF Fundraiser at Governor Sheffield's

June 18th- Mayors Marathon

Commuter Challenge

It's time to gear up for the 2016 summer bike, walk, and bus challenge! The YEP crew is encouraged to take alternate modes of transportation to work this summer. Crew members who participate receive prizes and incentives throughout the summer. To participate, crew members must register online, join the YEP team, and log their trips. If you need help joining, ask Virginia. Trips can be logged using smartphones too.

nationalbikechallenge.org

CLOSING DINNER

Thursday August 11th
Kincaid Outdoors Center

Mark your calendars now!

Family & friends are invited to celebrate all of the accomplishments YEP teens will make this summer.



2016 Sponsors & Partners

We would like to thank the following organizations and groups, for helping to make YEP a reality this year!

- Alaska Department of Fish & Game
- Alaska State Legislature
- Alaska Geographic
- Alaska Railroad
- Anchorage School District
- the BLM Science Center
- Catholic Social Services – State Refugee Program
- Fire Island Bakery
- Great Land Trust
- Kaladi Brothers
- Middleway Cafe
- MICA Guides
- Moose’s Tooth
- Pinnacle Mortgage Group
- Recreation Equipment Inc. (REI)
- Student Conservation Association
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- Wells Fargo

Many individuals get involved with YEP, by helping conduct education activities. Contact us if you want to contribute!

More about YEP

The Youth Employment in Parks program is a cooperative effort between Anchorage Park Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to coordinating people and resources to improve Anchorage’s parks, and the Municipality of Anchorage. APF and the Municipality, while separate entities, often work closely together to accomplish these goals.



Weekly Work Schedule

* Hours are projected but subject to change

Each day starts and ends at Russian Jack Springs Park chalet, unless otherwise specified.

Crew Members		Sr Crew Members		Crew Leaders	
Monday	8:45-4:45	Monday	8:15-5	Monday	8:15-5
Tuesday	8:45-4:45	Tuesday	8:15-5	Tuesday	8:15-5
Wednesday	8:45-4:45	Wednesday	8:15-5	Wednesday	8:15-5
Thursday	8:45-4:45	Thursday	8:15-5	Thursday	8:15-5
Friday	8:45-4:45	Friday	8:15-5	Friday	8:15-5

Journal Question of the Week

YEP Crew: This week, your journal question is:

What does work ethic mean to you? What do you like to do on your days off?

Please write about this in your journal, and drop it off in the box at the Russian Jack Springs Park chalet.

