



YOUTH EMPLOYMENT IN PARKS



Week of July 18th

Taku Lake Park & South Anchorage Sports Park

This was our second week at Taku Lake Park. We worked with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game again removing invasive plants, like the European Bird Cherry, from the woods surrounding Taku Lake and planting native plants along the banks. Mid-week, the crews split up and headed to the Greenhill Greenbelt as well as along the trail system on Rovenna Street to aid in bank restoration by planting native plants and trees. Since the crews finished at Taku early, the later part of the week was spent at next week's site, South Anchorage Sports Park. We started grubbing a place for trucks to enter and grubbed the trail around the new dog park that will later be graveled.

Seward SeaLife Center & Kenai Fjords National Park Tour

For our Rec./Ed. day last Friday, YEP traveled to Seward to visit the SeaLife Center and Kenai Fjords National Park. The first part of the morning the teens got to explore the Seward Sealife Center and dissect Steller sea lion scat. In the afternoon we moved to Kenai Fjords National Park to eat lunch and take a ranger guided tour to Exit Glacier that was guarded by flies but was still very beautiful.



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Rainy Rec./Ed. Day

For our recreation and education day this Friday, Wells Fargo will be coming to give us our financial literacy education in the morning; then in the afternoon, because of the rainy weather and the forest fire near McHugh Creek, we will be going to the Anchorage Museum to explore a bit as well as going to Coffee With a Scientist which is a program hosted by the Alaska Public Land Information Center.



Teddy Bear Picnic

YEP volunteers needed! The Teddy Bear Picnic is an event highlighting inclusive play at Cuddy Family Midtown Park. It will take place on the 23rd of July from 12-3pm. There will be face painting, a teddy bear parade, food, and much more! Here is the link to sign-up: <http://signup.com/go/CGCfda>



Up Next!

We finished Taku! Now we will be moving onto South Anchorage Sports Park where we will be tearing down the old remote control car(RC) park there and building a new one with the help of the RC user group. Crews will also be graveling and grubbing a trail to the new dog park.

YEP Crew Member of the Week



Name: Gerald Montuya

Favorite park: Russian Jack Springs Park

Favorite tool: Loppers

Interesting fact: Enjoys strong, black coffee

Seward Sealife Center & Kenai Fjords National Park



Be sure to post your pictures from our fun Rec./Ed. days onto social media!

Use the hashtag #yepak so we can look at all the pictures from the summer in one place!



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 Street 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.

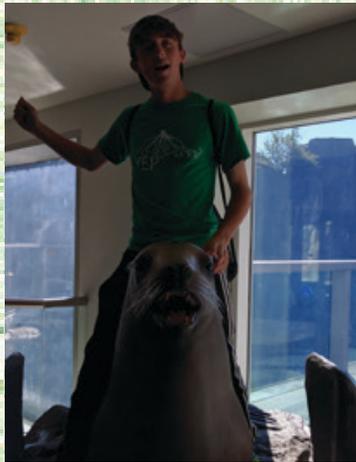
Week 9 August 8-11

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
- Sunscreen/bug spray
- Municipality ID
- Positive attitude!



Civic Engagement Contest

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

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

July 23rd- Teddy Bear Picnic. To sign up: <http://signup.com/go/CGCfda>

July 30th- APF Weed Smack Down

Commuter Challenge

The commuter challenge is in full swing and the YEP crew is encouraged to take alternate modes of transportation to work this summer. This includes walking, biking, or busing to work. 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 or Annie. 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.



YEP

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
- Girl Scouts of Alaska
- Great Land Trust
- Kaladi Brothers
- Lifetime Adventures Alaska
- 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	8:15-4:45	Monday	8:15-4:45
Tuesday	8:45-4:45	Tuesday	8:15-4:45	Tuesday	8:15-4:45
Wednesday	8:45-4:45	Wednesday	8:15-4:45	Wednesday	8:15-4:45
Thursday	8:45-4:45	Thursday	8:15-4:45	Thursday	8:15-4:45
Friday	8:45-4:45	Friday	8:15-4:45	Friday	8:15-4:45

Journal Question of the Week

This week, your journal question is:

What is your plan after YEP? Any goals?

Be sure to write your answers in one of the journals in the vans!