



YOUTH EMPLOYMENT IN PARKS



Week of August 1st

South Anchorage Sports Park

This is our second week at South Anchorage Sports Park. Last week was spent graveling the new trail at the dog park. For our final work week of the season, we will be finishing the gravel trail, and starting construction of the new remote control car (RC) park with help from the RC user group. We've been working in rainy conditions for the last two weeks but crews have impressed with their can-do attitudes and work ethic. This project has been a long one, but we have put in a lot of great work to get it done on time!

Arctic Thunder Air Show

Last Friday YEP went to the first day of the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Arctic Thunder Air Show to help clean up before the weekend festivities as well as watch some of the Blue Angels fly. The weather was rainy but everyone had a good day!



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Kids Don't Float & the Alaska Zoo

For the last Rec./Ed. day of the summer we will be heading to West High School to learn about Kids Don't Float with a classroom and interactive portion. Then in the afternoon we will go to the zoo for a behind-the-scenes look at the exhibits and have some free time to explore.



Mentorship Week

Our last week of work is dubbed "Mentorship Week". The teens will shadow people in career fields they are interested in, travel to Palmer to visit the National Outdoor Leadership School, speak at the Anchorage Assembly, and much more! The schedule for the week is below:

Monday:

9-12: Mentorships
1-2: UAA Tour

Tuesday:

CLOCK IN LATE

Crew Leaders @9:12
Crew members @9:42
11-3: NOLS
4: Teen Underground (prep for assembly)
5-5:30: Anchorage Assembly
Clock out @5:40

Wednesday:

United Way
Yoga with Alicia King
Peace Corps Presentation

Thursday:

CLOCK IN LATE @9:30

9:30: Job Corps
11:30: Youth Vote
1-4: AYA
4:30: Head to Kincaid to prep for dinner
5:30-7:30: Closing dinner

YEP Crew Member of the Week



Name: Tristan Emerick

Favorite park: Kincaid

Favorite tool: Pulaski

Interesting fact: He likes to run a lot

Our rainy last week of work at South Anchorage Sports Park!



Be sure to post your YEP pictures to social media!

Use the hashtag #yepak so all our pictures from the summer can be 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!

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 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

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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
- Ernie Hamm
- 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)
- the Rasmuson Foundation
- 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.



Journal Question of the Week

This week, your journal question is:

What was the most memorable experience you’ve had with YEP?

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

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

