



YOUTH EMPLOYMENT IN PARKS



Week of June 20th

Chugach Foothills Connector Trail

This is our final week working on the connector trail in the Chugach Foothills neighborhood. The crews continue to work hard grubbing, graveling, and building a small footbridge to help connect this community from Chugach Foothills Park to the Far North Bicentennial Park. On Saturday, local community members and the teens will work together to finish up the first phase of the connector trail. This will be the culmination of this phase, and will be celebrated by the Scenic Foothills users group with a ribbon cutting and a BBQ.



Wildlife Conservation Center and Begich Boggs Visitor Center

Next Friday, for our recreation and education day, we will be traveling to Portage to visit the Wildlife Conservation Center and Begich Boggs Visitor Center. This is a great opportunity for the teens to learn about conservation, rehabilitation, and how the center re-introduces animals to the wild.



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Recreation/Education Day

YEP crew members had the opportunity to go Ziplining with MICA Guides and visit Independence Mine in Hatcher Pass last Friday. The crew overcame their fears together, toured the old mine site, and learned about the history of one of Alaska's largest mining operations. I think we all wanted a second go on the zipline!



YEP Crew Member of the Week

Next Week

The YEP crew will work on the Meadow Street Park connector trail next week. This is a Schools on Trails project, and will provide access to additional outdoor and physical education opportunities for the German immersion school, Rilke Schule.

Pride Week

This week is pride week, and each year Anchorage hosts the Alaska Pride Festival. This is a great opportunity for YEP teens to volunteer their time and show support for their community.

For information on events and a calendar please visit:

alaskapride.org/

Social Media

Facebook: Youth Employment in Parks

Instagram: @ancparkfoundation

Twitter: @AnchoragePark



Name: Jace Jerome

Favorite park: Beach Lake Trails

Favorite tool: Pulaski

Interesting fact: Enjoys the outdoors, from Eagle River

The civic engagement contest winner for week 1 was Cesar Quiroz!

Congratulations, Cesar, and thank you for volunteering your time!



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
- Warm layer
- 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:

Alaska Pride Week: June 18- 25

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

YEP Crew: This week, your journal question is:

What does it mean to be a good team member? How have you been a good contributing team member?

Please write about this in your journal.