



Week of June 5th

Russian Jack Springs Trail Construction

This introductory week the YEP teens are getting their first taste at trail building. Through the learned methods of grubbing, lopping, swinging, graveling, and raking, the teens will construct a gravel trail from a social trail created by the local community. This trail will connect to the paved trail and provide much more thorough access to the nearby schools, Russian Jack Elementary and East Anchorage High School. From this initial experience, the YEP crew will apply their honed skills to further projects this summer.



Whittier Glacier Cruise

This Friday, for our recreation and education day, we will be traveling to Whittier to partake in a glacier cruise and learn while on it. This is a great opportunity for the teens to learn about natural land masses, their presence in the natural world, and the potential connections they may all share.



Youth Employment in Parks

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BLM Campbell Creek Science Center

YEP crew members had the amazing opportunity to undergo a team building training graciously given by the BLM Campbell Creek Science Center. The teens are incredibly grateful for the opportunity and the new sense of unity that was brought upon them. The teens are now ready and eager to face the arduous summer ahead with their fortified relationships.



Next Week

The YEP crew will work on the Refuge Access at Jodhpur next week. This project will provide increased stability on the already existing Kincaid Beach Trail and create a new one to prevent further erosion at the Jodhpur Bluff.

Pride Week

Pride week is approaching, 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 diverse community. For information on events and a calendar please visit: alaskapride.org/

Social Media

Facebook: Youth Employment in Parks

Instagram: @ancparkfoundation



Name: Brenna Krueger

Hobbies, Interests: Enjoys art, likes cardiovascular exercise.

Favorite tool: Wheelbarrow

Interesting fact: Has moved a total of 22 times.

School: West Anchorage High School.

The YEP Team's introduction into the program.

Thank you again, BLM Campbell Creek Science Center!



YEP Projects At a Glance

Week 1 June 5-9

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

NEXT WEEK!

Week 2 June 12-16

Touching up the Kincaid Beach Trail, and creating one at the Jodphur Bluff.

Week 3 & 4 June 19-June 30

Streambank restoration and trail building at Campbell Creek.

Week 5 July 3-7

Building rain gardens and planting at the Valley of the Moon Park.

Week 6 July 10-14

Restructuring picnic tables, trail building, volleyball court and sign renewal at Girdwood.

Week 7 & 8 July 18-July 22

Rain garden construction at Jewel Lake.

Week 9 July 24-Aug 4

Nine-hole Disc Golf Course with trails connecting them all.

Week 10 August 7-11

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:

APF Annual Fundraiser: June 14, 5:30-8pm. 3125 Susitna View Court, Anchorage. Contact Annie or Gerald for more information.

Alaska Pride Week: June 17- 24

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 or the Crew Leaders.

nationalbikechallenge.org

CLOSING DINNER

Thursday August 10th
Kincaid Outdoors Center

Mark your calendars now!

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





2017 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
- Anchorage School District
- the BLM Science Center
- Catholic Social Services – State Refugee Program
- Fire Island Bakery
- Great Land Trust
- Kaladi Brothers
- Lifetime Adventures Alaska
- 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

Monday	8:45-4:45
Tuesday	8:45-4:45
Wednesday	8:45-4:45
Thursday	8:45-4:45
Friday	8:45-4:45

Sr. Crew Members

Monday	8:15-4:45
Tuesday	8:15-4:45
Wednesday	8:15-4:45
Thursday	8:15-4:45
Friday	8:15-4:45

Crew Leaders

Monday	8:15-4:45
Tuesday	8:15-4:45
Wednesday	8:15-4:45
Thursday	8:15-4:45
Friday	8:15-4:45

Journal Question of the Week

YEP Crew: This week, your journal question is:

Do you see yourself changing through the course of this YEP season? How and why?

Please write about this in your journal.