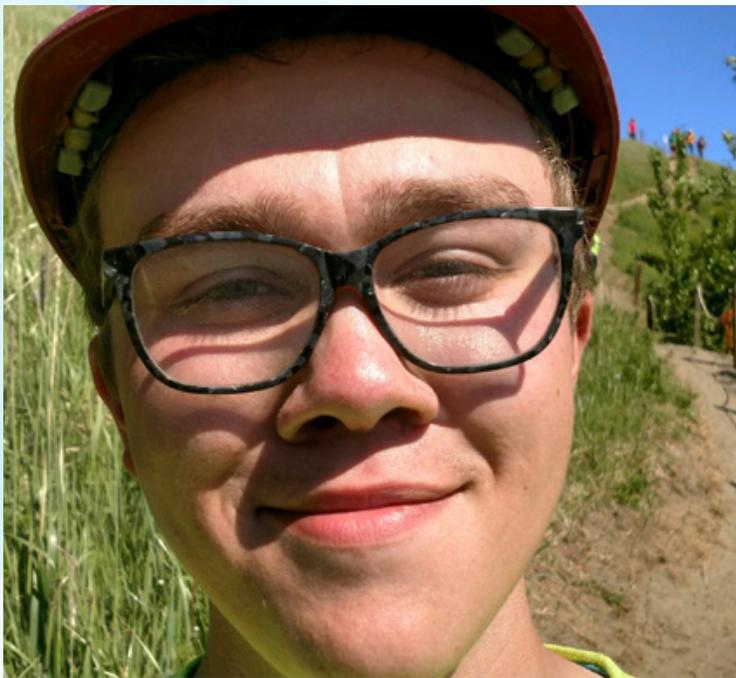




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YEP Crew Member of the Week



Name: Quinn Osgood

Hobbies, Interests: Likes to hike, swim, sleep, be indecisive.

Favorite tool: Post Hole Digger

School: S.A.V.E. High School

Interesting Fact: Has over 400 hours of volunteer service.

Eagle River Nature Center

For this week's education recreation day, the YEP crew will head to the Eagle River Nature Center. They will learn imperative outdoor skills and participate in a hike. This opportunity will allow the team to become more apt and knowledgeable with their surroundings; a vital skill in both their work and daily lives.



Whittier Glacier Cruise

The Glacier Cruise was spectacular! The YEP Crew learned a lot about the glaciers and natural wildlife surrounding them while enjoying the sights and sounds. The expedition was both intellectually fruitful and enjoyable.



CLOSING DINNER

Thursday, August 10th

Kincaid Outdoors Center

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

This Week's Project

Refuge Access at Jodhpur

The Jodhpur Bluff at Kincaid was an incredibly popular destination in the past year due to the whale that washed ashore last summer. The whale carcass that was left behind attracted droves of visitors and their cameras.

Unfortunately, the path that the visitors had left behind caused high levels of erosion across the side of the bluff. The grandeur of the carcass had unintentionally created safety hazards for those passing through.



The next steps were to coordinate native plant species to increase the trail's stability and install posts to aid passersby going down. The teens transported Alaskan Prickly Roses, Buffaloberry, Silverberry, and Aspen. The Aspen required that the crew work together to get it to its desired destination. Likewise, the posts needed cooperation and diligence in order to properly secure them in place.



The YEP team's mission was to prevent further erosion of the bluff and to create a more sustainable and safe pathway down to the landing. The teens first had to redirect the trail in order to prevent steep declines. They covered the old trail with sod, vegetation, and other matter to prevent further use of the old trail. Immediately, with the redirection of the trail and the additional prevention methods, the pathway down was already looking much safer.





Next Week

The YEP crew will work on the Campbell Creek next week. This project will include streambank restoration and trail building.

They will learn about the importance of streambank maintenance and the methods of sustaining them from further erosion.

Pride Week

Pride week begins Saturday, June 17 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/



Anchorage Park Foundation www.anchorageparkfoundation.org

Anchorage Parks & Recreation Department www.Muni.org

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

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 17- 24

Social Media

Facebook: Youth Employment in Parks

Instagram: @ancparkfoundation



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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.

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YEP Friendships



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.

Week 2 June 12-16

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

NEXT WEEK!

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.

