



YOUTH EMPLOYMENT IN PARKS



Eagle River Nature Center

The Eagle River Nature Center was filled with surprises, education, and fun! From a black bear encounter to a rainstorm, the YEP team was pleasantly surprised. They also learned how to properly navigate with a map and compass, start a fire, and differentiate between edible and poisonous plants!



Kids Don't Float and the Alaska Zoo

This upcoming education recreation day, the crew is heading to West High School to learn about boat and water safety. Additionally, the team is heading to the Alaska Zoo to learn more about wildlife in Alaska.

Crew Member of the Week



Name: Jack Wright

Hobbies, Interests: Likes to ski and bike.

Favorite Tool: McLeod

School: Graduate of Dimond High School

Interesting Fact: Learned to ski before he could walk.

Closing Dinner

Thursday, August 10th

Kincaid Outdoors Center

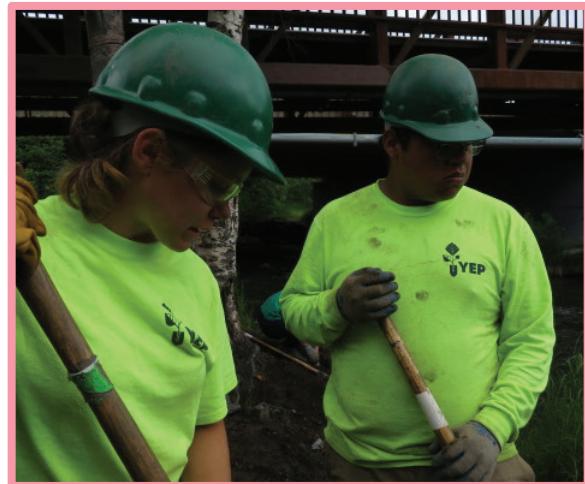
Family & friends are invited to celebrate all the accomplishments the YEP teens will make.

The Current Project

Campbell Creek Streambank Restoration

Because of the large amount of people fishing along the Campbell Creek, the evidence of erosion is ubiquitous. The once vegetated areas alongside the streambank are now replaced with trampled mud and dirt. It is the YEP team's effort to try and correct this unfortunate occurrence. This will be a two week long project because of the amounts of erosion.

The crew underwent a streambank rehabilitation & habitat protection workshop hosted by Alaska Department of Fish and Game. The skills and methods for streambank rehabilitation that were taught include: cabled spruce trees, trench willow, brush layers, root wads, live staking, elevated light penetrating walkways, and much more. With the multitude of skills now available to them, they set out to their varying project locations across the Campbell Creek.



Installation of the silt fence, the coir logs, and the trench willow.



After another brush layer was added, vegetative matter was placed atop the mud. To further protect the streambank, elevated light penetrating walkways were put in place.

Next Week

The YEP crew will work more on the Campbell Creek next week. The projects will include further streambank restoration and trail building. They will continue to apply their knowledge of streambank maintenance and the methods of sustaining them from further erosion.

Pride Week

Pride week has begun, 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/

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

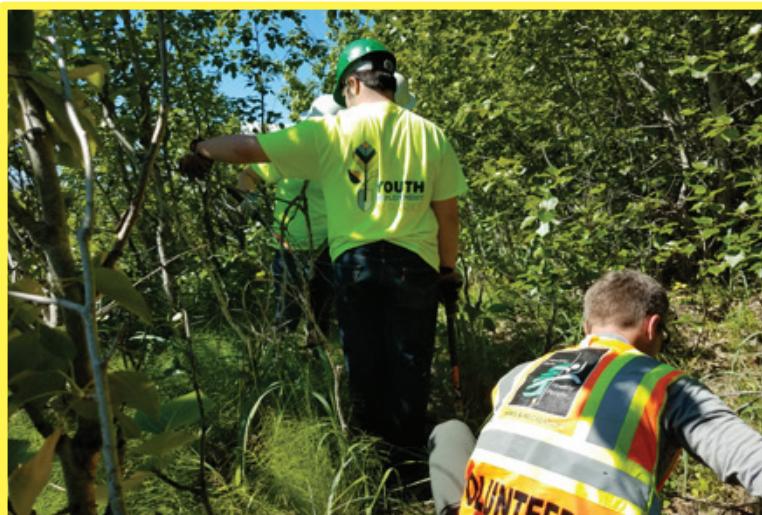
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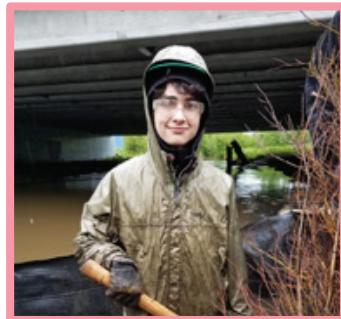
Instagram: @ancparkfoundation

Thank you volunteers for your help at Jodhpur!

The Youth Employment in Parks team would like to thank the volunteers from Wells Fargo, Friends of Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge, the Alaska National Park Service, Alaska RTCA, Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge, and Anchorage Parks and Recreation.



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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 Jodphur 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.

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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
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 - Fire Island Bakery
 - Great Land Trust
 - Kaladi Brothers
 - Lifetime Adventures Alaska
 - Recreation Equipment Inc.
 - 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 nonprofit 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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