Kids Don't Float and The Alaska Zoo

The crew had a blast with the Kids Don't Float program and the Alaska Zoo! The teens learned the importance of boat and water safety and how simple precautionary actions can save lives. They also went behind the scenes at the Alaska Zoo to learn more about the animals. The teens were even able to get a howl from the wolves!

Thunderbird Falls and Eklutna

For Week 4 education recreation day, YEP heads to Eklutna lake and Thunderbird Falls! They'll enjoy the scenery with a kayaking trip, biking, and a relaxing barbecue to finish the day.

Crew Member of the Week

Name: Quyanna Whittaker
Hobbies, Interests: Enjoys playing soccer
Favorite Tool: Lopper
School: Robert Service High School
Interesting Fact: Name means "thank you" in Inupiaq

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

Crews are continuing streambank restoration work along the Campbell Creek. Now at the Bittner House location, the teens are performing a variety of tasks across the site, all with the same goal of restoring the streambank.

One of the tasks include planting. Crews are planting a variety of plants including: silveryberry, elderberry, birch, devil's club, and Alaskan prickly rose. These plants will help to stabilize the streambank and protect certain areas from further traffic.

Additionally, the teens are removing invasive species and raising awareness for the community to learn more about them. Invasive species are foreign to a specific location and once introduced cause more harm than good.

Week 5, July 3-7

The YEP crew will work at the Kincaid Beach Trail. This trail was constructed by the 2015 YEP crew and will be revisited by the current crew. They will restabilize the popular trail and make additions to enhance the experience.

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:

Folker Park Fix-It
July 8, 9am-12pm
2701 East 42nd Ave (Folker @ 42nd)

Social Media

Facebook: Youth Employment in Parks

Instagram: @ancparkfoundation

Anchorage Park Foundation www.anchorageparkfoundation.org

Anchorage Parks & Recreation Department www.Muni.org

Candids of the Week

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.

Week 3 & 4 June 19-June 30
Streambank restoration and trail building at Campbell Creek.

Week 5 July 3-7
Reparations and additions at the Kincaid Beach Trail.

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 consctruction 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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