



Week of July 6

### Tour of Anchorage Trail Work

Last week, YEP crews performed tread improvements to the Tour of Anchorage Trail in Far North Bicentennial Park. Named after the Tour of Anchorage cross country ski event, the trail is a popular attraction for biking and hiking as well. Crew members removed roots and laid gravel to provide a smooth and safe surface for trail users.

### Animal Tracking Activity

Working in Anchorage's parks means that YEP crews are never far from an assortment of wildlife. Understanding wildlife behavior and being able to identify signs of wildlife activity are critical in making YEP a fulfilling and safe experience for teens. It was a pleasure to once again welcome Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G)'s Elizabeth Manning to lead crews in a number of activities centered on wildlife identification, including tracking and identifying species by their scat. Ms. Manning also instructed crews on wildlife safety and impressed upon teens the important roles ADF&G plays in protecting Alaska's abundant wildlife populations.



*Don't worry, it's fake.*

## Youth Employment in Parks

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### Navigating the Woods

Orienteering was the theme for this week's recreation activity, and with that in mind, YEP crews were given compasses and ventured out from the Campbell Airstrip trailhead to explore the trails of Far North Bicentennial Park. Each crew was also given a map and a challenge to locate specific markers within the park. The crew that was able to locate all of their assigned markers in the shortest amount of time was declared the winner. However, the competition ended in a dead heat when three crews arrived back at the trailhead simultaneously!

## Conservation Crafting Lesson

Scarcity and opportunity costs play a significant role the decisions we make everyday, and this was the theme for YEP's civics education Monday. The crews examined how these economic principles factor into the consumption of natural resources. YEP crews capped off the morning by creating fun informative puppet shows that show the importance of conserving our scarce natural resources.



## Back to their Roots



Roots on the trail are annoyances to cyclists, however, they are no match for YEP teens armed with pulaskis and loppers.



## Park Fix-Its

for more information, visit [anchorageparkfoundation.org/programs](http://anchorageparkfoundation.org/programs).

Arctic Benson Park: July 12  
Pop Carr Park: July 19  
Moen Park: July 26

Park Fix-Its are a great opportunity for YEP members to log volunteer hours for the Civic Engagement Contest!



## YEP Summer Project Schedule

### Week 0 May 27-30

Orientation and First Aid/CPR certification

### Week 1 June 3-7

Training week. Crews learned about the program and receive training on trail building & safety.

### Week 2 June 9-13

Campbell Creek Stream bank restoration, Campbell Creek Estuary Trails

### Week 3 June 16-20

Beach restoration, Trail Enhancements at Little Campbell Lake

### Week 4 & 5 June 23-July 3

Soft Surface Trail improvements at Far North Bicentennial Park

### Week 6 & 7 July 7-18

Equestrian trail improvements at Ruth Arcand Park

### Week 8 July 21-25

New soft surface trail at Moen Park

### Week 9 July 28- August 1

Vegetation maintenance on the Chester Creek Trail

### Week 10 August 4-7

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!



## Ruth Arcand Equestrian Trails

Next week, the YEP crews will work with the Anchorage Horse Council to harden trail surfaces in the Ruth Arcand Equestrian Park. Our crew members will install new drainage and trail hardening materials in order to improve the trail's durability and sustainability.



Rocio Gomez is crew member of the week.  
Congratulations, Rocio!

## Fourth of July

is a holiday for the YEP crew!

# Have a safe and patriotic weekend!





## 2014 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 Geographic
- Alaska State Legislature
- Alaska Youth for Environmental Action
- Anchorage Youth Hiring Center
- Anchorage School District
- Catholic Social Services – State Refugee Program
- Chugach Children’s Forest
- Friends of the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge
- Great Land Trust
- Recreation Equipment Inc. (REI)
- Student Conservation Association
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- Wells Fargo
- YWCA

Many individuals get involved with YEP, by helping conduct education activities. Contact us if you want to contribute! (Contact information can be found on the front page.)

## More About YEP

YEP 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 often work closely together to accomplish their goals.



## Weekly Work Schedule

\* Hours are projected but subject to change

**Each day starts and ends at the Lidia Selkregg Chalet in Russian Jack Springs Park, unless otherwise specified.**

### Crew Members

Monday	8:30-4:30
Tuesday	8:30-4:30
Wednesday	8:30-4:30
Thursday	8:30-4:30
Friday	8:30-3:30

### Sr Crew Members

Monday	8:30-5
Tuesday	8:30-5
Wednesday	8:30-5
Thursday	8:30-5
Friday	8:30-5

### Crew Leaders

Monday	8:30-5
Tuesday	8:30-5
Wednesday	8:30-5
Thursday	8:30-5
Friday	8:30-5

### Journal Assignment of the Week

YEP Crew: Your journal prompts this week are:

*What are healthy changes you can make for your meals?*

*Rainbow trout are not really trout. What kind of fish are they?*

*What is Alaska’s major export product (after oil)?*

### Video Blog

Videos will be posted weekly, featuring YEP crew and staff. Subscribe to the APF youtube channel and check up on the YEP facebook regularly to make sure you don’t miss any of the posts! You can find the YEP facebook at [facebook.com/ye panc](http://facebook.com/ye panc). We encourage you to share our posts on your own facebook as well.