



Week of July 20

Trail Renovation Completed

The YEP crews have finished maintenance on the trail segment in Ruth Arcand Park, having finally exhausted the regenerating gravel mountain. Equestrians on the trail no longer have to deal with mud and puddles, due to the new gravel layer and improved drainage via the new culverts. The last two weeks proved challenging for the crew, but not beyond their capabilities, as the teens have shown improvement in teamwork and workflow efficiency.



Diversity Activity

This Monday, YEP teens learned about diversity found in Anchorage. Through a cultural simulation game called Bafa Bafa, they learned that understanding other cultures can often be quite difficult, but still rewarding. Along with learning about the cultural diversity of Anchorage, the teens were instructed about wetlands, and used their new-found knowledge to make their own topographical maps of wetlands, using clay. These activities were followed by a beautiful hike in one of the national parks in Bicentennial Park.



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Learning While Working

As the teens worked hard throughout the week on the trail, the individual crews also engaged in a college essay workshop led by Grace on Wednesday. Each crew practiced writing essays for college and scholarship applications, giving and receiving feedback. Post-secondary education is an important concern for all of our crew members, as almost all of them plan on pursuing a college degree, with the remainder planning on attending vocational school. On Thursday, Ross concluded this week's education with a rousing discussion about habitat loss.



Moen Park

Next week, YEP crews will work to construct a new trail in Moen Park, an as-of-yet underutilized chunk of park land in the Goldenview area. Nearby residents expressed interest in adding features to the park, which currently features a lonely toddler playground. Moen park has serious untapped potential, as much of its considerable acreage is unused. YEP has the privilege of starting the first phase of renovations, which includes the trail that will take advantage of this acreage. Improvements to Moen Park will continue through next year, including a roofed picnic area, trash cans, benches, signs, and more. The Neighborhood council has been working with the Anchorage Park Foundation to plan and support this project.

Buckets!



YEP crews conquered the slope by using an assembly line to efficiently move gravel in buckets, down to the wheelbarrows.



Upcoming Park Fix-Its

for more information, visit
anchorageparkfoundation.org/programs.

Moen Park: July 26
Oceanview Park: August 2

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!



Mentorship Week

There are only three weeks left of the 2014 YEP season, and as it comes to a close, the teens will spend the last week preparing for their future careers after YEP. Activities include a job shadowing session with professionals in their career fields of interest!



Nasim Falconer is crew member of the week. Congratulations, Nasim!

Pop Carr Park Fix-It

Saturday, July 19 (tomorrow!)
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us at 750 W. 31st Ave and join other volunteers to pick up trash, remove graffiti, paint bollards, and remove invasive weeds. Contact Mirna Estrada at 907-343-4587 for more info.





YEP at the Assembly

On Tuesday, the YEP teens will have the opportunity to pay a visit to the Anchorage Assembly. As part of our Civic Engagement initiative, we feel it is important to expose the teens to local government and the political processes involved in making a difference in our home community. Please see the schedule for important information concerning Tuesday's field trip.



Weekly Work Schedule

* Hours are projected but subject to change

Each day starts and ends at Russian Jack Springs Park Lidia Selkregg chalet, unless otherwise specified.



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.

YEP would not be possible without its many sponsors and supporters. Please visit anchorageparkfoundation.org/programs/youth-employment-parks/yeppartners!

Crew Members

Monday	8:30-4:30
*Tuesday	8:30-6:00
Wednesday	8:30-4:30
Thursday	8:30-4:30
Friday	8:30-3:00

Sr Crew Members

Monday	8:30-5
*Tuesday	8:30-6
Wednesday	8:30-5
Thursday	8:30-5
Friday	8:30-4

Crew Leaders

Monday	8:30-5
*Tuesday	8:30-6
Wednesday	8:30-5
Thursday	8:30-5
Friday	8:30-4

On Tuesday, crew members can be picked up at the Loussac Library, or back at the chalet afterward.

Journal Assignment of the Week

YEP Crew: Don't forget to write in your journal and drop it off at the chalet! The questions will be posted on the whiteboard.

Video Blog

Videos are posted for each project, 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. We encourage you to share our posts on your own facebook as well.

