



Newsletter 2020.1

The Latest In YEP

In the weeks leading up to the arrival of the Crew Members, the Senior Crew Members and their crew leaders have been getting a lot accomplished. The first week they pulled trees from the Abbot Loop fire break and replanted them at Greenhill and other locations on the Campbell Creek trail. More work was done at Campbell Creek in the form constructing an Elevated Light Platform. They also spent time at Government Hill repairing the trail. The rest of their time was spent clearing trail at Rabbit Creek in preparation for the work to come, graveling and finishing the trail.





Work Safety

- Have all your PPE (hardhat, eye-glasses, and gloves)
- Have a clean mask
- Use proper body mechanics
- Bring lunch and water

Community Corner

The past few weeks, YEP received many positive comments from the community regarding their work. Everywhere we worked, from the heavily used Campbell Creek Trail, to the lightly used Government Hill trail, people were eager to voice support for all the positive work YEP does in their communities.





Crew Member Spotlights



Amya Crain

Amya's favorite project this year has been Rabbit Creek because she enjoys digging in the dirt. Her favorite YEP tool is the Pulaski. In her free time Amya likes to play basketball and videogames.

Derric Crain

Derric's favorite project so far this year has been building the ELP because he enjoyed working in the water. His favorite YEP tool is the Pulaski. In his free time Derric likes to hang out with his friends and longboard and play basketball.



Emily McKenzie

Emily's favorite project so far this year has been the ELP because she enjoys working near water and using power tools. Her favorite YEP tool is the shovel. In her free time Emily enjoys reading, swimming, and listening to music.

Gavin Lee

Gavin's favorite project so far this year was tree planting at Green Hill because he believes in the importance to preserve the stream bank. His favorite YEP tool is loppers. In his free time Gavin enjoys playing video games at home.



O'mar Taylor

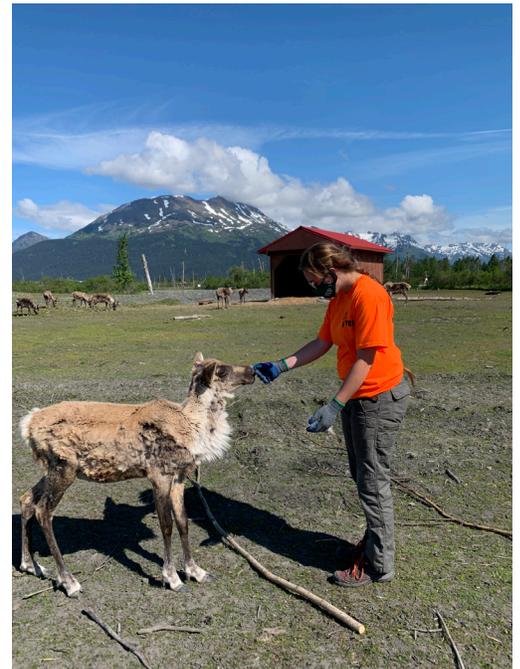
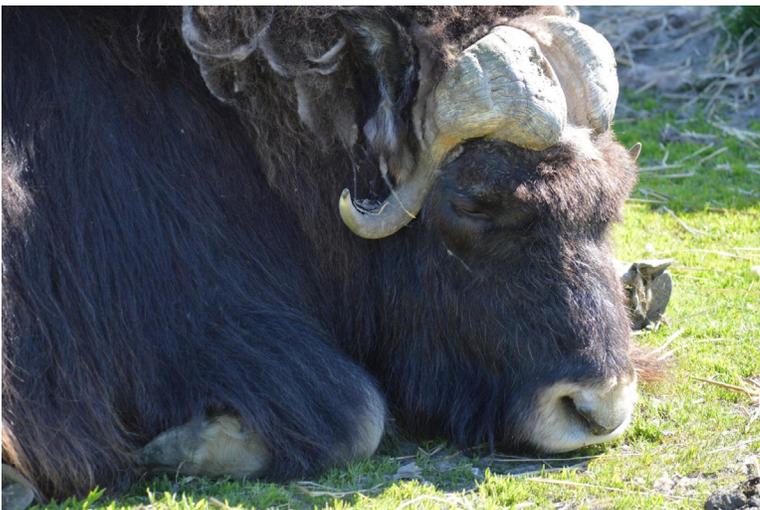
O'mar's favorite project so far this year has been Rabbit Creek because it is the first big project. His favorite YEP tool is the Pulaski. In his free time O'mar likes to snowboard, listen to music, and watch horror movies.



Educational/Recreational Days



The YEP crew has been greatly enjoying their Ed Rec Days. They have had four Ed Rec days since they started work. On their first week they volunteered at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center and then hiked out at Byron Glacier. For their second week they hiked Winner Creek Trail in Alyeska and then took the MV Ptarmigan cruise out to see Portage Glacier. The third Ed Rec took them on a historical tour of Hatcher Pass' historical Independence Mine and on a hike on the Gold Mint Trail. The most recent Ed Rec day was spent at Eklutna Lake biking, kayaking, swimming, and enjoying a barbeque.





The Weeks Ahead

Projects, Beginnings and Continuations

This week we are excited to welcome the new Crew Members. We are excited to get outside and work on Anchorage's beautiful trail system and we are thrilled to have you working alongside us! We will be spending Monday doing some trainings as well as introductions and getting to know one another. On Tuesday we will begin trail work out at Rabbit Creek. The morning will be spent doing stations in order to learn how to build the trail and properly use the tools.





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