



# Newsletter 2020.2

## The Latest In YEP

YEP got off to a great start last Monday with all of the teens completing their orientation and participating in team building activities. Tuesday was spent learning how to use all of YEP's tools as well as getting special presentations in trail science and homeless awareness. Wednesday was a rainy workday, yet every crew kept a good attitude and accomplished much. Thursday thankfully showed nicer weather and the crews finished the work week off on a high note, cutting nearly all the trail and beginning to lay gravel.





## Work Safety

- Have raingear and layers
- Remember your social distancing
- Wash your hands at least three times a day
- Refrain from touching your face

## Community Corner

The community was incredibly supportive of YEP's project. On Wednesday when the rain was bad, a neighbor set up a canopy for YEP kids to eat lunch under, and even gave out hot chocolate. On Thursday, one of the YEP crews was serenaded with sea shanties by a neighborhood band.





## Crew Member Spotlights



### Claire

Claire's favorite part about YEP is the friends she's made. Her favorite tool is a mcloud. In her free time she likes to hike.

### Colton

Colton's favorite part about YEP is the hard work he has to put in. His favorite tool are loppers and he likes to snowboard during the winter.



### Emma

Emma's favorite part of YEP so far has been interacting with her crewmates. Her favorite YEP tool is the shovel. In her free time Emma likes to read, paint, and listen to podcasts.

### Muhammed

Muhammed's favorite part of YEP so far has been meeting new people. His favorite YEP tool is the Pulaski. In his free time Muhammed likes to play basketball, soccer, and the piano.



### Shannon

Shannon's favorite part of YEP so far has been enjoying the unique environment of the job. Her favorite YEP tool is the tamping bar. In her free time Shannon likes to read, travel, and spend time with family.

### Zachary

Zach's favorite part of YEP so far has been working with new people. His favorite YEP tool is the Pulaski. In his free time Zachary likes hiking, hunting, and fishing.





## Educational/Recreational Days



Each crew participated in different education recreational days. McKenzie's crew spent the first half of their day learning to rock climb at the Alaska Rock Gym. The second part of their day was spent at Cuddy Park playing park games and slack lining. Meg's crew spent the first part of their day playing frisbee golf. In the afternoon they canoed at Little Campbell Lake. Marshall's crew began their morning by geocaching in Kincaid and finished the day biking the Coastal Trail.

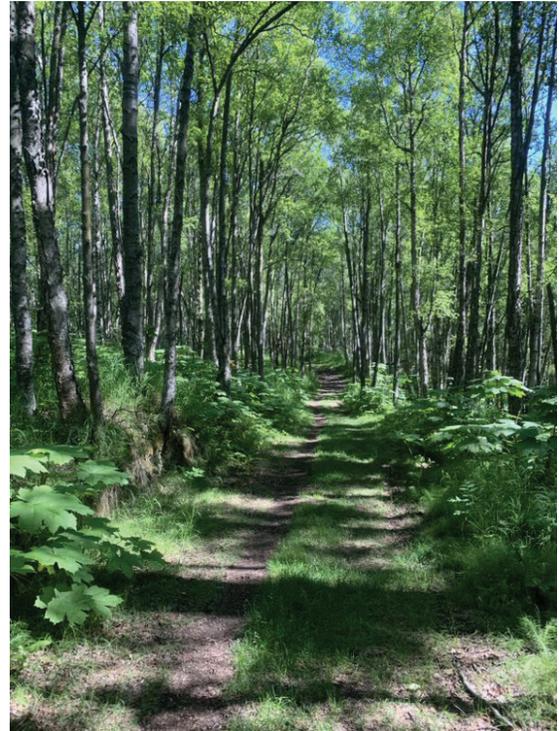




## The Weeks Ahead

### Projects, Beginnings and Continuations

Next week we will be continuing to build the trail at Rabbit Creek, as well as preparing to move onto new projects around Anchorage.





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