The Latest In YEP

The last week of YEP was mentorship week. As part of mentorship week, the teens participated in a job shadow based on their career interests. Various organizations did presentations to help guide the teens as they continue into their future. On Wednesday, the crews gathered with family for YEP’s closing dinner. The crews also planted trees at McHugh Creek and cleared invasive bird vetch from trails around Russian Jack Springs Park.
Mentorships

Mentors
The last week of YEP is spent as a mentorship week exposing teens to opportunities for the next steps in their careers or life. We want to thank all the mentors for generously sharing their time to teach our teens skills they can use in the future. A few of our mentors include the Anchorage Zoo, Anchorage Museum, The Arc of Anchorage, Intrinsic Designs, UAA Airplane Mechanic School, Salmon Berry Tours, and Alaska Public Lands Incormation Center.
This week we want to highlight two of our partners Alaska Youth for Environmental Action. Alaska Youth for Environmental Action (AYEA) is a program of The Alaska Center Education Fund that inspires and trains rural and urban youth leaders to impact environmental issues by providing leadership skills training and supporting youth-led community action projects and campaigns. AYEA came and presented to YEP crews giving relevant information about the world and how we can impact it.
Crew Members of the Season

This award is given to a crew member who was an outstanding employee of YEP throughout the whole season.

Kaoshang (Sheng) Her

Sheng’s favorite things about YEP were the crew members and fun projects. The most important lesson Sheng learned this summer is that communication is key. Sheng was one of the hardest working members of her crew, always pushing forward and leading by example.

Owen Umatum

Owen’s favorite thing about YEP was the people. He says the most important lesson he learned in YEP was hard work and dedication. Owen showed an exemplary attitude and work ethic throughout the entire season. He supported his crew, showed great leadership and worked hard.
Commuter and Volunteer Award

Commuter Award
The commuter award is given to the teen who uses alternative forms of transportation to commute to and from work the most throughout the season.

Holten Reid
Holten rode his bike to work every day, riding over 300 miles during the 10 week program.

Elanor Andrews Volunteer Award
The volunteer award is given to the teen with the most volunteer hours at the end of the season.

Emma Muhlbauer
Emma voluteered a total of twelve hours this season. She volunteers because it is a simple way for her to give back to the community and help others in need.
Last week the crews went on a Glacier Wildlife Cruise out of Whittier.
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