The Latest In YEP

This week the crews worked at Far North Bicentennial Park and the Campbell Tract with our BLM partners. The teens did trail maintenance, including laying down gravel, and limbing tree branches encroaching on the trail. On Friday, the teens will be gold panning in Indian at Indian Valley Mine and hiking in Girdwood for their Ed Rec activity.
Community Corner

Last week the crews worked at Westchester Lagoon. The work at Westchester Lagoon was part of an Indigenous Place Names Project to creatively and accurately highlight the cultural history of Anchorage and our First People – the Dena’ina. The teens installed grass rolls at the toe of the bank and planted Iris flowers and two types of grasses - Tufted hair grass and Feather reed grass.

YEP and families are invited to a special ceremony to open the Indigenous Place Names Project. The ceremony will be Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at Westchester Lagoon - 1824 W 15th Ave, from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM.
Crew Member of the Week

This award is given to crew members who are outstanding employees of YEP.

Xander Stephenson

Xander’s favorite thing about YEP is the people he works with. Xander’s favorite YEP tool is the pulaski. In his free time, Xander likes photography and gaming. A fun fact about Xander is that he can turn one of his feet completely backward behind his body.

Crew Lead Comments

Rachel- Xander has proven to be a consistent and hardworking crew member. He is kind and considerate to others and jumps in to help wherever he’s needed.
Education/Recreation

Last week the crews’ volunteered at the Musk Ox Farm and hiked at Hatcher Pass for their ED Rec activities.

This week the crews’ Ed Rec day will be spent gold panning in Indian at Indian Valley Mine and hiking in Girdwood.
Projects

This week we are excited to be outside and work on Anchorage’s beautiful trail system, and we are thrilled to have you working alongside us! Next week the crews will continue trail maintenance at the Far North Bicentennial Park.

Mark your calendar for YEP’s closing dinner on Wednesday, August 4th, 2021, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM, at the Kincaid Chalet.
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