Youth Employment in Parks
A program of the Anchorage Park Foundation and Anchorage Parks and Recreation

2021 YEP Crew Members

Cooper
Likes watching baseball

Alex
Enjoys cross-country skiing

Devon
Likes existing

Emma
Enjoys traveling

Isabel
Enjoys teaching Sex-Ed

Jack
Enjoys driving & listening to music

Kaosheng
Likes video games

Katherine
Likes drawing

Owen
Enjoys snow-boarding

Holton
Loves pineapples

JW
Likes debate and public speaking

Meira
Likes exploring

Jorge
Likes hiking

Lilly
Plays the saxophone

Dicanio
Likes working out

Fatoumeta
Likes cooking

Xander
Enjoys photography

Ashley
Loves painting and drawing

Kyler
Was in JROTC for four years

Kenndra
Likes working

Reuben
Loves motorcycles

Favor
Likes roller blading

Thomas
Likes hiking

Amelia
Likes tennis

The 2021 Youth Employment in Parks program is sponsored and funded by:
In 2021, the Youth Employment in Parks program hired 25 diverse Anchorage youth as crew members and senior crew members to improve municipal parks and trails.

**11 High Schools Represented**
- Dimond High School
- East High School
- Service High School
- South Anchorage High School
- Steller Secondary School
- West High School
- King Tech High School
- Bartlett High School
- UAA Middle College
- Benny Benson High School
- Chugiak High School

**12 Languages Spoken**
- Arabic
- Spanish
- English
- German
- Hmong
- Amwture (Chiinese)
- Chinese
- French
- Igbo
- Mandinka
- Korean
- Russian

**Ethnic Origins & Genders**
- American Indian/Alaska Native: 8%
- Asian: 12%
- African American: 16%
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 8%
- Hispanic/Latino: 16%
- White/Caucasian: 68%
- Some participants identify with more than one background

- Male: 56%
- Female: 44%

**Family Backgrounds**
- 8% live in a single parent home
- 28% have low income families
- 8% have parents that are unemployed
- 40% are military families
- 8% are members of Alaska native corporations
- 36% experience a disability

**Age Distribution**

- 16
- 17
- 18
- 19

**Earnings**
- 48% will spend earnings on tuition
- 16% will spend earnings on household expenses
- 64% will save their earnings
- 40% will spend earnings on clothing and food
- 32% will spend earnings on other items

**YEP Says...**
- 28% spend more than 20 hours outdoors a month
- This is a first job for 44%
- 76% are planning on receiving postsecondary education