



YEP Newsletter

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The Latest at YEP

YEP crews have finished up at University Lake Dog Park and are now working in Campbell Tract and Far North Bicentennial Park near the Smokejumper Trailhead. Working with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the teens are walking transects covering a large part of the park in search of the invasive plant Bird Cherry. This plant was planted for landscaping purposes, but it's spreading into Anchorage's parks and outcompeting native species. The teens will pull smaller Bird Cherry seedlings and saplings and will collect coordinates of larger trees. These coordinates will be used to map the locations and larger trees will be removed later by the BLM. YEP crews are working hard and dealing with the bugs, rain, and prickly plants to remove as much invasive bird cherry as possible.



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Work Safety

Bring rain gear like a rain jacket, rain pants, and waterproof boots when working in wet conditions. Staying dry helps keep you safe and comfortable.

Community Corner

Thanks to the Bureau of Land Management for supporting YEP and teaching our crews about invasive plants and how to identify Bird Cherry!





Crew Member of the Week



Jassity

Jassity's favorite tool is a pulaski. In her free time, she likes to read and skateboard. A fun fact about Jassity is that her hair used to be 4.5 feet long. Jassity's favorite part about YEP is how friendly everyone is.



Education and Recreation



We then split into two groups, one of which biked along the Coastal Trail to Point Woronzof and the other of which went to the Anchorage Museum. After lunch, the two groups switched activities. We learned about our city's and state's history, got some exercise, got to see planes landing at the airport, and some of us even saw a moose!

Last Friday, we started the day by taking the People Mover downtown to help set up for the Mayor's Marathon. We set up fencing and flags at the race finish line in Delaney Park.





The Weeks Ahead

Projects

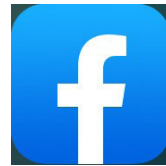
Next week, YEP crews will continue identifying, mapping, and removing bird cherry and other invasive prunus species from Campbell Tract and Far North Bicentennial Park. By the end of the week, they will have covered a large land area and made a huge difference for Alaska's native plant species.





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