



YEP Newsletter

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The Latest at YEP

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, YEP crews continued to identify, map, and remove invasive Bird Cherry plants from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)'s Campbell Tract and from Far North Bicentennial Park. The rest of the week was dedicated to the removal of a 1000-foot moose exclosure which allowed plants to grow inside unimpacted by moose. The BLM was studying how plants grew without the presence of moose, but that study has now concluded. By removing the fence, we are allowing moose to naturally return to the area. On Friday, crews will start the day by hiking in Arctic Valley Ski Area and then do team building exercises with the BLM.



Written by Ben Jensen, Senior Crew Member



Work Safety

Always bring plenty of water and snacks when working outside. Staying hydrated and energized keeps your body healthy and mind sharp while doing hard work.



Community Corner

Special thanks to all of the Anchorage local businesses who stepped up to support YEP after two of our vans' catalytic converters were stolen, including Midnight Sun Car & Van Rental, Alaska Insulation Supply, and Corvus Design. Your donations made it possible for us to secure a replacement van while our vehicles are being repaired, allowing YEP to continue getting to our job site despite this setback. Thank you!



Crew Member of the Week



Faith

Faith's favorite tool is a pulaski. In her free time, Faith likes to draw, and she is an aspiring animator. Faith's favorite part about YEP is getting to be outside during the summer.



Education and Recreation



Last Friday, crews spent the morning continuing invasive species identification and removal work at Campbell Tract and Far North Bicentennial Park. They then spent the afternoon at the Bartlett High School Pool learning about boating and water safety from the Alaska Office of Boating Safety, including how to properly upright an overturned canoe, how to stay warm in cold water, how to retrieve someone who has fallen overboard, and the importance of wearing a life jacket.



After the boating safety course concluded, YEP teens had time to enjoy swimming in the pool, playing games like Marco Polo and Sharks and Minnows!



The Weeks Ahead

Projects

Next week, YEP will be focused on planting trees along Campbell Creek. Crews will be tackling a wide variety of sites along the creek to plant healthy saplings and support reforestation after the removal of trees killed by spruce beetle.





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