



# YEP Newsletter

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### The Latest at YEP

This week, we continued constructing a singletrack mountain bike trail in Russian Jack Springs Park. We placed gravel and large rocks to fill in spots that could be more dangerous for beginner and intermediate mountain bikers to ride on. We also evened out the trail, balancing it so that one side did not dip or rise without a specific reason. In many areas, a dip or rise would make biking unsafe if bikers are less experienced. One crew also helped plant trees and other vegetation at University Lake Dog Park. On Friday, we will be volunteering at the National Outdoor Leadership School in Palmer and then visiting Independence Mine State Historical Park.



Written by Raif Jones, Senior Crew Member





## Work Safety

Always wear sturdy, water-resistant boots to work to protect your feet from tools and keep your feet dry.

## Community Corner

Thank you to Russian Jack Park Community Council for bringing pizza to YEP's job site in Russian Jack Springs Park this week. We feel very supported by our community!





## Crew Member of the Week



### Zane

Zane's favorite tool is a dual-wield tamp. In his free time, Zane likes to play video games and run. His favorite part about YEP is tamping.





# Education and Recreation

Last Friday, YEP went to Portage Valley and spent the morning at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center doing a scavenger hunt to help us find and learn about the various animals that they care for. Then, we hiked to Byron Glacier and had the chance to explore the area before visiting the Begich, Boggs Visitor Center in Chugach National Forest to learn more about the ecology and history of Portage Valley. It was a lovely way to spend a sunny summer day!







# The Weeks Ahead

## Projects

Next week, YEP will begin their final project of the summer resurfacing a trail in Abbott Loop Community Park that is currently in poor condition. Their work will make the trail much more functional and comfortable for park patrons.

## YEP in the News!

Local news stations highlighted YEP's work constructing a singletrack trail in Russian Jack Springs Park! Visit the link below to watch crews at work and hear Senior Crew Member Enzo and Crew Member Jassity talk about their YEP experiences.

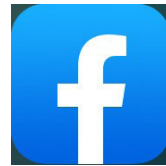
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