



# YEP Newsletter

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### The Latest at YEP

This week we worked to resurface sections of trail at Abbott Loop Community Park in order to make it easier for recreators like bikers, walkers, and runners to traverse. We began by laying down weed barrier, added gravel to the trail to address drainage issues and muddy terrain, and then added water to help compact the gravel. On Tuesday, we were joined by a group of volunteers from Baird Private Wealth Management, and in the evening, we spoke to the Anchorage Assembly about all of this summer's projects. For our Education and Recreation day on Friday, we will go on a glacier cruise in Whittier to see the beautiful nature and wildlife of Prince William Sound thanks to a generous grant from NOAA.



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## Work Safety

When not in use, always place tools and other materials off the trail and out of the way where they will not pose a tripping hazard to yourself or others.

## Community Corner

A huge thank you to Baird Private Wealth Management for doing volunteer trail work with us this week and coming to teach a financial literacy class during Mentorship Week!







## Crew Member of the Week



### Alex

Alex's favorite tool is a pulaski. In his free time, Alex enjoys landscaping and playing games. His favorite part about YEP is getting to know new people.



# Education and Recreation



Last Friday, we spent the morning volunteering at the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) campus in Palmer. We helped NOLS lay mulch on a trail through their orchard, where they grow fresh fruit for students on backcountry adventures, and helped weed their raspberry patch. We also got a tour of the campus and learned about the employment opportunities and courses that NOLS offers.

In the afternoon, we visited Independence Mine State Historical Park in Hatcher Pass, where we received a tour, learned about the mine's history, and had time to explore the beautiful area.







# The Weeks Ahead

## Projects

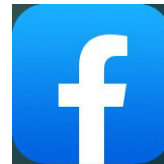
Next week is YEP's final week of the summer - Mentorship Week! Crew members will have the opportunity to hear from community organizations about issues like personal finance, personal safety, career-building, and will shadow a professional in a career they are interested in.





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