



YEP Newsletter

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The Latest at YEP

Last week was the final week of YEP's 2023 season: Mentorship Week! On Monday, crews spent the morning planting trees along Campbell Creek Trail as part of a streambank restoration project funded by a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant. In the afternoon, they heard a presentation on relationships and consent from STAR and a presentation on careers from Alaska Works. On Tuesday, teens received presentations on financial literacy from Baird and on career awareness from the Alaska Safety Alliance, and then completed their tree planting project along Campbell Creek Trail. Wednesday morning, YEP teens had the opportunity to shadow a professional in a field that they are interested in.



Wednesday afternoon was spent wrapping up the summer by completing evaluations, returning their personal protective equipment, and setting up for the YEP Closing Dinner where we welcomed families to celebrate the crews' accomplishments! For the final day of YEP on Thursday, we traveled to Eklutna Lake to ride bikes, kayak, and reflect on the summer.



Work Safety

Be heat aware: on hot days, wear light and breathable clothing, bring plenty of water, and take breaks.

Community Corner

Thank you to all of the Anchorage professionals who welcomed YEP teens for our job shadow morning to learn more about their careers!





End of Season Awards



Healthy Commuter Award

Raif

Raif's favorite tool is loppers. In his free time, Raif likes to spend time with family. His favorite part about YEP is seeing a variety of outdoor spaces.



Volunteer Award

Enzio

Enzio's favorite tool is a wheelbarrow. In his free time, Enzo likes to draw. His favorite part about YEP is the positive atmosphere.



Crew Member of the Year

Ally

Ally's favorite tool is a pulaski. In her free time, Ally likes to read. Her favorite part about YEP is getting exercise and being outdoors.



Education and Recreation



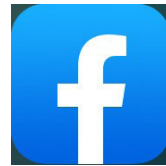
We spent the final Education and Recreation Day of the summer at Eklutna Lake. We took turns kayaking on the lake and riding bikes on the scenic trail, and also enjoyed a barbeque lunch. It was a gorgeous sunny day and a great way to celebrate crew members' hard work and accomplishments.





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