Mission: The Anchorage Park Foundation builds healthy parks and healthy people by mobilizing public support and financial resources for Anchorage parks, trails and recreation opportunities.
Youth Employment in Parks

Accomplishments to Date:

- YEP celebrates its 10th summer improving Anchorage parks with Anchorage teens.
- YEP has completed 73 projects to date.
- Since 2007, YEP has hired 275 Anchorage teens. YEP will hire 25 teens this summer.
- Of the YEP Alumni surveyed: 100% finish high school/GED.
- Diversity in 2015: 32% of YEP teens identified their family as low income
  15% are from Military families
  44% spoke a language other than English at home.


“YEP has taught me valuable job skills and I’ve made some great friends!”
– Nyamekeye, 2013

“YEP has impacted my life by giving me the opportunity to have a great first job experience, which ultimately made me realize that hard work does pay off.”
– 2010 Alumni
Youth Employment in Parks

Summer Timeline:

- **Training Week** .............................................................. June 6th – June 10th
- **Opening Dinner at Kincaid Chalet** ................................. Thurs., June 9th
- **Chugach Foothills Connector Trail** ..................................... June 13th – June 24th
- **Volunteer Day** ................................................................. Sat., June 25th
- **Rilke Schule Connector Trail** ............................................. June 27th – July 1st
- **Kincaid Beach Trail** .......................................................... July 5th – July 8th
- **Cuddy Park Rain Garden** .................................................. July 5th – July 8th
- **Taku/ Campbell Creek** ..................................................... July 11th – July 22nd
- **South Anchorage Sports Park** ........................................... July 25th – August 5th
- **Mentorship Week** ............................................................ August 8th – August 11th
- **Graduation Dinner** ......................................................... Thurs., August 11th

“I am in the best shape of my life because of working with YEP.”

– 2014 Alumni

“This is and probably will always be one of my favorite jobs.”

– 2014 Alumni
Chugach Foothills Connector Trail
Klutina Drive Trailhead in Far North Bicentennial Park

Project Description

Timing:
June 13th – June 24th

Funding:
- APF Challenge Grant: $20,000
- 20% match from Chugach Foothills Community Council

Location:
- Chugach Foothills Neighborhood at Klutina Drive Trailhead to the Far North Bicentennial Park
Chugach Foothills Connector Trail

Project Description

Objective:
• Two year project; the first phase will take place in 2016
• Two weeks of trail improvements; 5ft wide gravel trail
• Construct 3 boardwalks over wetlands

Education:
• Wetland functions and ecological importance
• Community
• Importance of nature to human development
**Project Description**

**Timing:**
June 27th – July 1st

**Funding:**
- Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation Trail Grant Program (RTP) $36,782
- Match from Rilke Schule $9,195

**Location:**
Meadow Park, 6730 Meadow Street, connecting to Rilke Schule German School.
Objective:
• Establish a connector trail from Rilke Schule German School to Meadow Park
• Construct 3 short trails, totaling 1200 ft.
• Construct 3 small footbridges

Education:
• Salmon Runs
• Sediment ponds
• Water quality and healthy stream indicators
Project Description

Timing:
July 5th – July 8th

Funding:
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
  Grant: $20,000

Location:
Cuddy Family Midtown Park: the rain gardens will be constructed west of the pond on the great lawn and at the north end of the speed skating loop.
Cuddy Family Midtown Park Rain Garden

Project Description

Objective:
• Construct two rain gardens
• Dig out drainage to divert runoff for rain garden
• Create a pervious surface to decrease erosion
• Plant native plants for rain garden

Education:
• Impervious surfaces, runoff, and erosion
• Rain gardens
• Water quality: excess nutrients and contaminants
Kincaid Beach Trail

Project Description

Timing:
July 5th – July 8th

Funding:
- APF State Legislative Grant: $15,000

Location:
Kincaid Park is located at 9401 W. Raspberry Road. The beach trail was built in 2015. The trail leads to the beach and the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge.
Project Description

Objective:
• Rehabilitate and revegetate eroded areas
• Cut and stabilize bank
• Divert run off
• Re-build trail steps
• Extend railing.

Education:
• Use of established trails
• Erosion
• Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge
Project Description

Timing:
July 11th – July 22nd

Funding:
- MOA funds: $40,000

Location:
South Anchorage Sports Park is a 65 acre sports complex located off of C Street and W Klatt Road in South Anchorage.
South Anchorage Sports Park

Project Description

Objective:
- Remove existing RC Park
- Construct new RC Park
- Reshape and reclaim old RC park (create a multi-use field)
- Construct new soft-surface access trail to RC Park
- Construct new trails in dog park area to the north
- Construct new landscape berm and plant in dog park area

Education:
- Pet waste (scoop the poop) and water quality.
- Recycling and reusing materials
Taku Lake/Campbell Creek Restoration

Project Description

**Timing:**
July 25th – August 5th

**Funding:**
- Alaska State Legislative Grant: $45,000

**Location:**
Taku Lake Park is a 53 acre park in South Anchorage near C St. and Dimond Blvd. along the Campbell Creek greenbelt.
Taku Lake/Campbell Creek Restoration

**Project Description**

**Objective:**
- Remove exiting concrete trail
- Gravel 1,600 ft of soft surface trail on the east side of the lake
- Restore 3 areas of bank eroding along Taku Lake
- Revegetate areas using native trees and shrubs
- Improve existing rain garden

**Education:**
- Managing invasive plants
- Plant Identification
- Importance of using native vegetation
- Ecosystems
- Migratory Bird Act

[Legend]
- Trail Improvements
- Restoration Areas
THANK YOU!  Let’s make 2016 the best yet!