YOUTH EMPLOYMENT IN PARKS

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

Healthy Parks
Healthy People

ANCHORAGE PARK FOUNDATION

2017 Summer Projects
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 it’s 11th summer improving Anchorage parks with Anchorage teens.
- YEP has completed 79 projects to date.
- Since 2007, YEP has hired 300 Anchorage teens. YEP will hire 25 teens this summer.
- Of the YEP Alumni surveyed: 100% finish high school/GED.
- Diversity in 2017: 28% of YEP teens identified their family as low income, 28% are from Military families, 45% 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 5th – June 9th
- **Opening Dinner at Kincaid Chalet**: Thurs., June 8th
- **Kincaid Bluff Trail**: June 12th – June 16th
- **Kincaid Beach Trail Volunteer Day**: Thurs., June 15th
- **Campbell Creek Restoration**: June 19th – June 30th
- **Valley of the Moon Park**: July 3rd – July 7th
- **Lions Park in Girdwood**: July 10th – July 14th
- **Jewel Lake Rain Garden**: July 18th – July 22nd
- **Volunteer Day Teddy Bear Picnic**: Saturday, July 22nd
- **Davis Park Disc Gold Course**: July 24th – August 4th
- **Mentorship Week**: August 7th – August 10th
- **Graduation Dinner**: Thurs., August 10th

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

—2014 Alumni

“The most important lesson I learned was how to communicate and work well with different people. It was satisfying working as part of a team.”

—2016 Alumni
Training Week – Russian Jack Springs Park
Neighborhood Connector Trail

Project Description

Objective:
One day project:
• Construct new sustainable trail
• Restore heavily eroded banks using native species
• Install posts and rope around access trails
• Install informational signage

Education:
• Wetland functions and ecological importance
• Community
• Importance of nature to human development
Refuge Access at Jodhpur
From the Bluff at Jodhpur to the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge

Project Description

Timing:
May 18th – June 15th

Funding:
> ADF&G Grant: $35,000

Location:
- Bluff next to Jodhpur
- Motocross Track down the bluff to the beach and the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge.
Refuge Access at Jodhpur

Project Description

Objective:
Three weeks of trail improvements:
• Construct new sustainable trail with gradual slope
• Restore heavily eroded banks using native species
• Install posts and rope around access trails
• Install informational signage

Education:
• Wetland functions and ecological importance
• Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge
Kincaid Beach Trail

**Project Description**

**Timing:**
June 12\textsuperscript{th} – June 16\textsuperscript{th}

**Funding:**
- APF State Legislative Grant: $17,000

**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.
2015 Kincaid Beach Trail Project
2017 Kincaid Trail Restoration Project

Project Description

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

Education:
• Use of established trails
• Erosion
• Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge
• Migratory Birds
Campbell Creek Stream Bank Restoration

Project Description

Timing:
June 19th – June 29th

Funding:
- Alaska State Forestry Grant: $80,000

Location:
YEP will be working at three locations along the Campbell Creek corridor: Arctic Blvd., West Dimond Blvd, and the Bittner House.
Campbell Creek Bank Restoration Project Sites

Objective:
• Remove invasive plant species
• Restore 3 areas of bank eroding along Campbell Creek
• Installation of root-wad, willow stakes, coir logs, veg-mat, Elevated Light Penetrating (ELP) boardwalks, fencing, and signage
• Revegetate areas using native trees and shrubs

Education:
• Managing invasive plants
• Plant Identification
• Importance of using native vegetation
• Anadromous Streams
Valley of the Moon Park Improvement Projects

**Project Description**

**Timing:**
July 5th – July 7th

**Funding:**
- Parks Bond: $30,000

**Location:**
Valley of the Moon Park, 610 West 17th Ave.
Valley of the Moon Park Improvements

Project Description

Objective:
- Landscaping around parking lot upgrades
- Construct a rain garden

Education:
- Water quality and healthy stream
- Rain gardens
- Impervious surfaces
Lions Club Park in Girdwood

Project Description

Timing:
July 10th – July 14th

Funding:
- Girdwood Parks & Recreation: $20,000

Location:
Egloff Drive, across from Girdwood Park

Objective:
• Construct picnic tables and pads for the tables
• Thin vegetation
• Improve Park Trails
• Upgrades to the Volleyball Court

Education:
• Temperate Rainforest
• Bore Tide
• Beluga Life Cycle
Jewel Lake Rain Garden Improvements

**Project Description**

**Timing:**
July 18\textsuperscript{th} – July 21\textsuperscript{st}

**Funding:**
- Parks Bond and APF Clean and Green Funds: $30,000

**Location:**
Jewel Lake Park 4342 West 88\textsuperscript{th} Avenue.
Jewel Lake Rain Garden Improvements

Project Description

Objective:
- Improvements to rain garden soils
- Replant rain garden
- Install drains to help improve drainage
- Landscaping

Education:
- Impervious surfaces, runoff, and erosion
- Rain gardens
- Water quality: excess nutrients and contaminants
Davis Park 9 Hole Disc Golf Course

Project Description

Timing:
July 24th – August 4th

Funding:
2016 Parks Bond: $35,000

Location:
Davis Park in Mountain View

Objective:
• Construct trails to tees
• Build Tee boxes
• Clear Fairways
• Install Baskets

Education:
• Forest Health
• Birds of Prey
• Soils
THANK YOU!  
Let’s make 2017 the best yet!