

# Covenant Youth of Alaska

*A relational outreach, discipleship and leadership ministry  
for Alaska youth and young adults*

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## Forming New Partnerships

### Ministering to Youth at Native Musicale

Since the 1960's, musicians and singers have come from across the state to join in Anchorage for a time of community and worship called Native Musicale. The event coincides with the week-long annual winter festival Fur Rendezvous – an event that attracts people from all over the world. Seeing the desire for a space to gather together in the evening, Native Musicale was created by Native New Life Fellowship. The five evening event includes musicians and singers from all over Alaska who share songs and scripture.

Up until this year, the only programming for youth has been for elementary-aged kids. Tim and Larissa Zook of InterAct Ministries saw the deficit in programs for Jr. High and High Schoolers, so they sought out partnerships with the hope of creating programs for older youth. CYAK was excited to join InterAct in partnership! Knowing that lots of families attend Musicale, it was an amazing opportunity to reach youth from all across the state.

During two of the evenings, while Musicale happened in the main

sanctuary of Changepoint church, we opened a room on the side for older youth. We saw around 20 youth each night come for group games, snacks, and arts and crafts. CYAK staff and Aarigaa students helped to facilitate the group games and provide a time of sharing testimonies, a song and message.

Looking back on the night,

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Youth play a group game at Native Musicale through the partnership outreach event with CYAK and InterAct Ministries.

## Ministry Highlights



### Spring Jam

The YK Delta held its first CYAK youth retreat in Hooper Bay with the theme: "How do we talk to God?"



### Dog Mushing

Aarigaa Fairbanks enjoyed the last of the snow by dog mushing and eating lasagne!



### Welcome Lantz Family!

Marc and Angela Lantz join us this month in the Matsu Valley serving as statewide Program Directors.

Larissa noted how cool it was to see the Aarigaa students embracing Christian fellowship and then giving their time to pour into younger students. One of these students, Lorrene, shared her testimony on the first night. "It was a fun experience because I was able to practice my public speaking skills," she reflected. "Also I was able to shine light on the ways God has helped me through tough times." How exciting to see Aarigaa young adults becoming leaders!

We are looking forward to where the Lord will use this partnership with InterAct to impact the lives of youth in Alaska. Our hope is to continue connecting these students with ministries such as Aarigaa, Bible Camp or their local church. Above all, we are grateful for the chance to share God's love through laughter, activities, and testimonies. Join in prayer that the students who came caught a glimpse of the depth of that love!



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## Aarigaa Fairbanks Men and Women's Retreat

### A laidback weekend at Camp Li-Wa



Aarigaa Fairbanks split up by men and women to spend a night at Camp Li-Wa. It was an intentional time of getting to know one another. There was good food, lots of games, and even pranks - including covering each others' cars in sticky-notes and toilet paper! It was a much needed time of rest and fun.

## PRAYER PRAISES & REQUESTS

**Sign up to receive monthly prayer updates, visit [www.cyak.org](http://www.cyak.org).**

**Praise:** For a fantastic spring youth retreat for the YK Delta.

For the Lantz family as they settle and begin their roles with CYAK!

**Prayer Request:** For the Alaska Conference meeting in Mountain Village.

For comfort to those grieving the loss of loved ones.

For the upcoming NYO Celebration outreach event and that students would experience the love of God.

**Thank you for your faithful support of CYAK's ministry through prayer.**

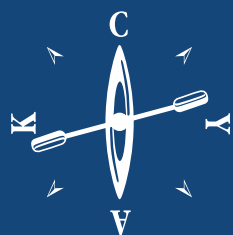
## CURRENT MINISTRY NEEDS

### Scholarships for Bible Camp

Every year, youth from around the state fly to Unalakleet for a week of Bible Camp. Campers request nearly \$35,000 per year to assist with travel and registration costs. Consider making camp a reality for one or more youth by giving to the Bible Camp Scholarship Fund.

*Quyana, thank you.*

**[www.covenantbiblecamp.org/give](http://www.covenantbiblecamp.org/give)**



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