

Covenant Youth of Alaska

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

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On the Banks of the North River

Covenant Bible Camp and CYAK celebrate official merger made final at the start of the new year.

Covenant Bible Camp is a special place. This truth is known by anyone who has experienced or heard stories of the way God has worked there. Through the years, Bible Camp has had the blessing of strong and heart-felt leadership guiding the ministry forward. In its most recent season, Nick Bruckner served as the Executive Director of camp, and he along with others in leadership ensured that camp lived up to its reputation of being a safe place where kids from across Alaska could experience the deep and powerful love of Christ. As Nick expressed, 'With an amazing team, I have seen the Lord change hundreds of lives and build His Kingdom through work on the banks of the North River.' For this, we give God the glory.

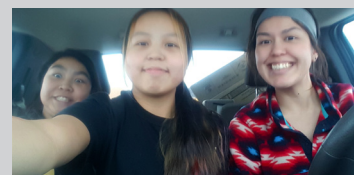
With the desire to continue to reach as many kids for Christ as possible, the Bible Camp board met several times over the past year and prayerfully considered how to continue to best steward camp into the future. It became clear that the ministry had grown to a point where having one part-time Executive Director was not sufficient. In weighing different

options, it was decided that a merger with Covenant Youth of Alaska was the best way forward for the ministry. CYAK shares a common mission and heart and is crucial to camp's success each year. This knowledge provided the board confidence in seeing a smooth transition take place.

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As of January this year, Covenant Youth of Alaska and Covenant Bible Camp are legally merged under the Alaska Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church. From a camper's perspective, camp will remain the same. The transitions that will take place are primarily behind the scenes. The responsibilities of the Executive Director will be shared amongst the CYAK staff. CYAK's Associate Director of Operations, Adam London, will serve as the Administrative Director for camp and coordinate the efforts of the CYAK staff who will spearhead fundraising/grant writing/development, volunteer and camper recruitment, programming, and web content/communications. We are thankful that Nick Bruckner will continue to serve in full-time ministry on CYAK Staff in the Norton Sound.
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Ministry Highlights



Youth Unite!

Unalakleet youth pastor Charis and teens from UNK spent time in Scammon Bay for a bball tourney in Jan.



CYAKers at Midwinter

Several of our CYAK staff had the opportunity to attend the Covenant's Midwinter Conference in KY in late January.



Sledding!

Youth and young adult gatherings are happening across the state - Aarigaa Anchorage young adults enjoyed an afternoon of sledding!

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This merger also means that our CYAK Office in Anchorage is bustling! We are happy to have welcomed Adam and his family to Anchorage from Unalakleet, as well as Caitlin Kernak to the office team as the Bible Camp Administrative Assistant. We are excited to see God continue to work through Bible Camp, and are honored as a ministry to take on the responsibility of upholding the legacy that Covenant Bible Camp has embodied through the years.

To learn more about Covenant Bible Camp, visit www.covenantbiblecamp.org. If you have any further questions about this transition, please feel free to contact Adam London at adam@cyak.org. Thank you for your partnership in ministry that plays a vital role in continuing this work in Alaska.

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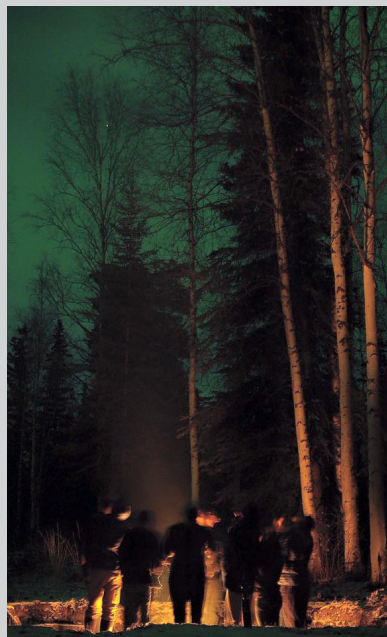
Youth Group Games

Fun times at Unalakleet youth group.



Scammon Bay Winter Scene

Light is returning to our communities!



Aarigaa Fairbanks

Northern lights and fire pits!

Young Adult Retreat coming up!

Young adults to gather from across Alaska

Two times a year, CYAK puts on a Young Adult Retreat at Camp Maranatha in Big Lake. This retreat is a time when young adults from Aarigaa Fairbanks, Aarigaa Anchorage, Alaska Christian College, Amundsen Educational Center and others join together to have fun and worship God! It's incredible to see the range of communities represented. Please be in prayer for this time together!



PRAYER PRAISES & REQUESTS

Sign up to receive monthly prayer updates, visit www.cyak.org.

Praise: For the way God is meeting youth and young adults across Alaska.

Praise: For God's consistency, provision, and peace in times of trouble.

Praise: For all those who are faithfully serving youth in their communities.

Prayer Request: For the young adult retreat February 24-26 in Big Lake.

Prayer Request: For continued guidance with the CBC/CYAK merger.

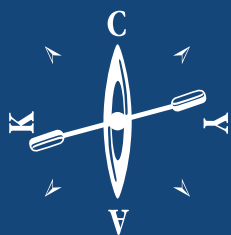
Prayer Request: For the CYAK youth worker training in Nome mid-March.

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

CURRENT MINISTRY NEEDS

Scholarships for Retreats: The young adult retreat is coming up at the end of the month! Consider helping a young adult get there!

Yurt at CRC: The Chickaloon Retreat Center is in need of a yurt. This will provide indoor meeting space for groups. Consider partnering in this!



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