



Covenant Youth of Alaska

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

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25 Years of God's Provision

CYAK celebrates 25 years of ministry to young people in AK.

Gathering berries from the tundra each summer is a tradition in Alaska that Alaska Native people have practiced for thousands of years. Some years the berries flourish while other years weather causes a smaller crop, but the berries continue on year after year. They provide sustenance and allow people across Alaska to thrive. It takes broad community participation to provide for communities needs in Alaska's challenging conditions.

This year, CYAK celebrates 25 years of faithful ministry to the vision of seeing vibrant communities led by individuals whom Christ has transformed. Just as picking berries is a family and community effort to provide, Covenant Youth of Alaska's work across the state brings together a broad community of partners who invest deeply in the lives of young people.

In 1992 Byron Bruckner was commissioned by the Covenant in Alaska to

begin a youth ministry initiative aimed at providing outreach and discipleship opportunities for young people across Alaska. Since that time partners across the country have invested in staff and volunteers who have tirelessly served Alaska's youth.

The CYAK Young Adult Retreat for college aged students and young adults from across Alaska is a signature piece of CYAK's ministry since its inception over 20 years ago. Bruckner recently reflected, "Our first retreat we found 3 young adults who we convinced to attend. Now 20 years later we have over 100 people registered with multiple villages represented. This retreat helps students grow deeper and encounter Christ in the wilderness away from the distractions of the life, school and the city. This retreat is the single largest consistent Christian Native young adult gathering in Alaska."

This year, partners who give financially to CYAK have provided the needed resources to reduce the registration fee for the

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Ministry Highlights



Thankful for Moose!

The Unalakleet youth group helped process a moose - grateful for God's provision!



Young Adult Retreat!

Laura Eben shared her powerful testimony at the retreat. Theme: Freely you have received, freely give Matthew 10:1-8.



Scammon Bay Youth

Game night in Scammon Bay! We love seeing youth ministry happen in the local church!

...from the front page

Young Adult Retreat from \$100 to just \$50 which allowed more students to attend and grow in their faith.

The community of partners and staff across the country allow the ministry of CYAK to move forward toward a beautiful vision. You are a part of something much larger as a partner with CYAK. You are a part of students who come to camp and say, "this is the one place I feel safe and can get a hug." You are a part of developing leaders for Alaska through CYAK internships. You are a part of creating a safe and affordable faith based housing option for college students in Anchorage. You are a part of an incredible vision!

Celebrate 25 years of CYAK's ministry by looking forward with us! Join the CYAK Supporters Circle. >>>

Covenant Youth of Alaska Supporters Circle

Celebrate with CYAK today! Join the 70 Supporters Circle partners who give regular monthly support to CYAK and receive regular updates on ministry happenings.

As a member of the CYAK Supporters Circle your monthly gift to CYAK will honor the first 25 years of CYAK and create future opportunities for young Alaskans.

Consider a starting gift of \$25 per month or more. Or consider increasing your current monthly gift by 25%.

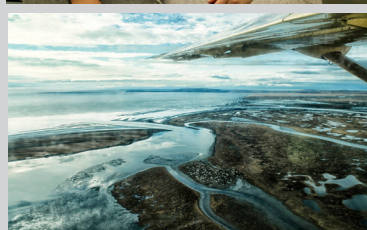
Visit www.cyak.org/supporterscircle to learn more.

Chickaloon Retreat Center



CRC has been getting lots of use this fall! It is a blessing to have such a beautiful retreat center so close to Anchorage.

Fall Blast in Koyuk



High School Fall Blast and Jr. High Fall Blast are on the docket for October!

Soul Food



Nigipiaq Nite - Native food night at Aarigaa Anchorage. 'Soul food', as many say!

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PRAYER PRAISES & REQUESTS

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

Praise: For 25 years of ministry to young people in Alaska. Praises be.

Praise: For a wonderful young adult retreat in late September!

Praise: For deeper partnerships with ministries across the state and world.

Prayer Request: For high school and jr. high fall blast retreats this month.

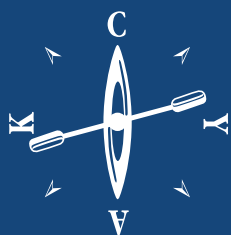
Prayer Request: For those grieving loved ones lost too young.

Prayer Request: For God's provision in broken relationships.

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

CURRENT MINISTRY NEEDS

Aarigaa House Capital Campaign
70% of funds needed to purchase the Aarigaa House facilities are committed. Your gift will double thanks to a generous matching gift up to \$50,000. Consider making a gift toward this compelling ministry today. Learn more about the Aarigaa House at cyak.org.



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