

Covenant Youth of Alaska

Impacting Lives, One Life at a Time

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CYAK Sports Camps

This July, Covenant Youth of Alaska launched a sports day camp in Unalakleet for 3rd-5th graders, Junior Highers, and High Schoolers. The theme for the sports camps was "Work for the Lord." From July 26 - 27, 19 energetic 3rd - 5th graders attended basketball camp and had a great time practicing their skills and doing some short Bible studies on Colossians 3:17 and 3:23. From July 30 - August 4, Junior and High Schoolers will participate in basketball and volleyball camps. The camps have been largely planned and run by CYAK's summer interns, Katiya Erickson, Tricia Ivanoff, and David Rurik. It's been a great way to connect with kids before they head back to school!



Photos: David Rurik

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
Colossians 3:17

To see more, check out the highlight video featuring the first week of sports camp! Visit: www.cyak.org/

Camp Update

We had another great camping season this summer in Unalakleet! There were many returning campers, and many new faces. For countless youth, camp is a highlight of their entire year - many are already talking about their excitement to come next summer! It is encouraging to see the freedom and joy kids experience while at camp, and a blessing to see them return home with the full knowledge of the unconditional love that they have in Christ.



Communities Represented at Bible Camp 2012

Anchorage, Bethel, Chevak, Elim, Gambell, Golovin, Hooper Bay, Kipnuk, Kivalina, Kongiganak, Kotzebue, Koyuk, Mekoryuk, Mountain Village, Noatak, Nome, Noorvik, Saint Michael, Scammon Bay, Shaktoolik, Soldotna, Stebbins, Unalakleet, Wasilla, and White Mountain.

Vision Camp

- Bible Camp is not over in June! Every year, during the first week of August, Bible Camp hosts Vision Camp, a camp geared toward ages 18-25(ish) from across the state. Vision Camp began in the 90's as the dream of Curtis and Kristi Ivanoff, as they saw the need for a young adult camp. The Ivanoffs ran Vision together for the first ten years, and it has since been run by others who have stepped into leadership. Vision campers have the opportunity to hear from awesome speakers, share in small groups, go fishing and berry picking, and spend time in intentional Christian community with one another.

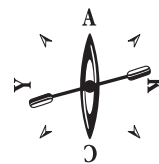
- It is always a blessing to see the way the Lord works in the lives of young adults at Vision Camp. Please be in prayer for all those involved with Vision this year - we're excited for another wonderful week!



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Prayer Requests

Bible Camp: Praise for another wonderful year of June Camps in Unalakleet. Both campers and staff alike were encouraged and blessed by each other and by the Lord in such a special place.

Vision Camp: Please pray for campers who attend the young adult Vision Camp in early August.

CYAK Staff Retreat: Pray for the CYAK Staff Retreat in early August as we gather together from across the state to pray, discern, and encourage one another in our work as a ministry.

Arigaa Ministries: Pray for the Arigaa young adult ministries as they prepare to kick off for the fall semester in late August.



Would you like to receive monthly prayer updates via email? If so, either scan the code to the left on your smart phone, or email Lauren Ernst at: lauren@cyak.org. We are thankful for your partnership with CYAK's ministry through prayer!

Encouraging Words



"Bible Camp is a great place to get to know God, meet great people, and have fun. You learn to focus on your faith and people surrounding you. It is beautiful in many ways!"

Dolena is from Bethel, and was a camper at High School Camp this summer. We are excited to see her continue to grow as a leader!

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Visit our website: Visit www.cyak.org to learn more about CYAK's ministry, see pictures, and better understand our work with youth across the state.



Current Ministry Needs

• **Summer Intern Program:** Still in need of funding to finish out the summer!

• **Retreat Scholarships:** Fall is just around the corner, which means that fall retreats are almost here! Consider sending a gift to make it possible for a student to attend one of our retreats this fall.

Ways to Give: Visit our new giving page!

• **Online Giving:** Visit www.cyak.org to set up monthly, yearly, or one-time gifts using your **credit/debit card** or **checking account**.

• **Checks:** Made payable to: **Covenant Youth of Alaska**
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Questions? Please contact our Unalakleet office:

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