

# Covenant Youth of Alaska

*Impacting Lives, One Life at a Time*

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## Reaching Across the Miles



Elim Fall Blast Retreat 2011



Alaska is big. Because it is so vast, it takes a team of people committed to youth in Alaska to be able to carry out our mission across such a large state. We are devoted to make this happen, and are thankful for the important role you play! Quyanna, Thank you!



Bible Camp



Bible Camp



Arigaa Winter Retreat



Elim Fall Blast Retreat 2011



CYAK Team Gathering - Annual Meeting



Bible Camp High School Week 2011



Bible Camp



Kiiyar Men's Mentoring Retreat



CYAK Strategic Planning Meeting

### A Message from the Director:

Dear Friends,

One of the factors that makes the ministry of CYAK able to work across such a large state, is the way that we have so many people working together for the cause of youth in Alaska. Our core mission staff is comprised of 15 people, and we have around 75-100 people who volunteer or serve youth and young adults here in Alaska.

Because our team is spread out over hundreds of miles, we have found Facebook to be an effective tool to keep us connected. We have set up Facebook groups which help us communicate specifically with our ministry team and with youth and young adults. We have over 250 adults in our team network site. And, on our youth network site we have over 500 that are directly connected.

It is because of these people who care to see the youth in their communities succeed, that we minister to so many youth and young adults every year through mentoring, regional youth events, youth groups, young adult campus ministries, and Bible Camp in the summer.

Our ministry philosophy is geared around individual relationships, a "one life at a time" approach. However, we thought it would be helpful to share the scope of the CYAK ministry here in Alaska as well.

Not only are we thankful for the team we have working together for the cause of youth in Alaska, but we are thankful for all of those who play a role in CYAK's ministry in the continental United States, and the rest of the world.

Whether you are a pastor, missions chairperson, philanthropist, prayer warrior, supporter of one of our staff, or any other number of roles you could have, we need your partnership and support to make this ministry possible.

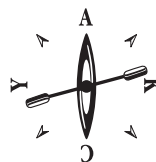
Thank you so much for your partnership. We are blessed to have you as a part of our CYAK team.

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## *Prayer Requests*

**February Retreats** : This month CYAK will be hosting two retreats: a winter Arigaa/young adult retreat in Big Lake, and a Men's Mentoring Retreat for men of all ages in White Mountain. Please pray for all involved! Both retreats will be Feb. 24 -26.

**Youth Workers** : Please pray for all of the CYAK youth workers and volunteers across the state, as well as those currently raising funds to join the team.

**Safety for Travel**: This time of year, youth from all over the state are traveling often for basketball tournaments, school competitions, and other events. Pray for their safety, and pilot's discernment when flying in low temps (think -40F!) and icy conditions.

Would you like to receive monthly prayer updates via email? If so, email Lauren Ernst at: [lauren@cyak.org](mailto:lauren@cyak.org). We are thankful for your partnership with CYAK's ministry through prayer!

## *Words of Encouragement*



"CYAK has teamed up with First Covenant in Anchorage by providing additional youth and young adult leaders, which has fueled more ministries than we (First Covenant) would have the people or financial resources to do on our own. We are reaching more youth and young adults because of this fantastic partnership." - Andrea Wilson has been involved

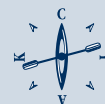
with CYAK through her work with Alaska Christian College and is now on the Bible Camp Board of Directors.

### *Connect with us online!*

**Like us on Facebook!** See what is going on in the daily life of CYAK - read devotionals, see pictures from events, and join the conversation!



**Visit our website:** Visit [www.cyak.org](http://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*

• **Student Scholarships for Retreats:** Scholarships for students to attend our winter retreats.

• **Video Curriculum Resources:** Funding to support our new video curriculum project.

## *Ways to Give:*

• **Automatic Giving** from your checking account.\*

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