

Covenant Youth of Alaska

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

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Discipleship By Creating Together

Wood Shop in Scammon Bay fosters vibrant community

In August 2014 Drew and Holly Williams moved to the village of Scammon Bay in Western Alaska. They were welcomed into the vibrant community where Drew works as the local youth pastor and Holly works as a junior high and high school teacher. Drew also volunteers as the librarian at the Scammon Bay School.

During Drew's time in Scammon Bay, he established the Subsist Wood Shop. This shop was a continuation of his partnership with the community in discipling the

next generation in Scammon Bay through hunting, camping, and

creating. The shop provides space for encouraging tangible skills outside of school and sports, empowering youth to fundraise for events, and strengthening cultural knowledge. Drew walks alongside youth teaching them to make uluaqs, rings and other traditional items.

"It is really awesome to see how kids connect here," Drew reflects. "There is a hunger for culture and for things

that belong uniquely to our students. Incredible things happen when youth see that connecting to their culture is both viable in the modern world and connected to the work that God is doing."

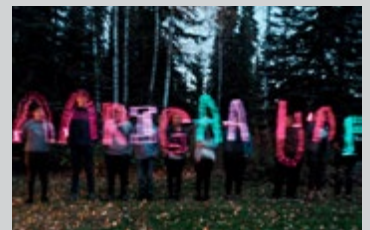
Feeling deeply connected to a sense of home creates a foundation on which students can find identity. In the shop, Drew disciples youth in the way of Christ, rooting them both in community and place. This grounding allows

connectedness outside of the shop context after youth have graduated and moved away.

Drew continues, "I will run into kids in Anchorage or at various airports and there is always a hearty hug and a deep gladness that feels like home. Students will sometimes call me when things happen in their life, sometimes positive and sometimes tragic, but it's always an opportunity to pray with them and to connect. It can be hard in the moment at youth group to feel like you are making an impact. Things go wrong

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Ministry Highlights



School Year Kick-off

Please pray for youth and young adult ministry as the school year is in full swing!



Worship Night

Anchorage and MatSu enjoyed a meaningful worship night in the Aarigaa House basement.



Young Adult Retreat

The competition was fierce at the inaugural Young Adult Retreat Olympics (YARO)!

and kids are running around or not paying attention. I remember the deeper moments and I know that God is working.”

Please continue to keep Drew and Holly in your prayers as they walk alongside youth in Scammon Bay. If you are interested in keeping up with them, you can subscribe to their newsletter at:

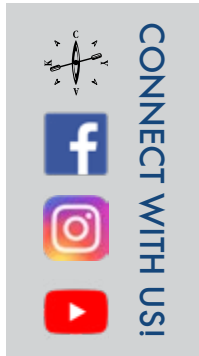
<https://tinyurl.com/drewsnewsletter>

or follow Drew on Instagram at:

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Fall Young Adult Retreat 2019



The theme of the retreat was **“Wake Up”**. Speaker Guy Peters spoke about being transformation in Christ.

It was also the first year of the **Young Adult Retreat Olympics (YARO)**! Events included wrist carry, fish filleting, skeet shooting, “Heads Up”, and others.

PRAYER PRAISES & REQUESTS

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

Praise: For the time of fellowship at the Young Adult Retreat (YAR).
For a committed team of board members.
For the team of volunteers who are walking alongside youth.

Prayer Request: For last impact on those who attended the YAR.
For Fall Blast and for the Pastor & Leaders Retreat.
For our churches without youth pastors or pastors.

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

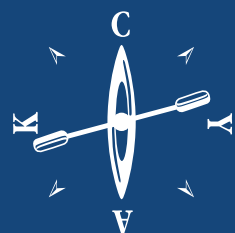
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