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Young Adult Retreat Gathers and Encourages

Making CYAK's largest weekend retreat accessible is everyone's business

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For more than 19 years, Covenant Youth of Alaska has gathered young adults from across the state for a time of worship, discipleship, games and fun. Longtime staff member John Hege has led the charge for many of those years and has been faithful to gather students no matter the challenge of getting them there.

At the end of September, some 100 young adults from more than 30 communities across Alaska will gather in Big Lake for the next Young Adult Retreat. There will be great food, encouraging speakers, and opportunity for attendees to meet Christ or deepen their relationship with him.

Superintendent Curtis Ivanoff says of the retreat, "The young adult retreat is such a significant time because it gathers people from all over Alaska for the sake of seeking first after Jesus. I think of it as a time where the trajectory of the lives of young people are being set toward the things of Jesus."

For both the fall and spring Young Adult Retreats young adults travel from Aarigaa Fairbanks, Aarigaa Anchorage, Alaska Christian College, Amundsen Educational Center, and various villages in Western Alaska to attend. The

value of this retreat largely comes from this web of people who come together from such a variety of experiences. For example, we often have cousins, one of whom is studying at UAA and one who is at ACC celebrate this retreat as a time to spend with family.

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This fall, with gratitude to partners near and far, the Young Adult Retreat is being offered at a subsidized rate of only \$50 per person. As CYAK celebrates 25 years of ministering in Alaska, the leadership for the retreat wanted to make sure that the retreat is as accessible as possible for the highest number of young adults. Traditionally, CYAK has partnered with individuals to offer scholarships to a certain number of students allowing easier access for those who could not afford the whole registration fee.

This year, by covering about half of the real cost per person CYAK hopes to engage with an even larger group of young adults. This requires that we continue to lean into the broad base of partners that buy into the mission and vision of CYAK. Each year, many people contribute to make scholarships a possibility for Alaska's young people to come together for life-changing experiences in the way of Christ Jesus.

As a partner, you play a critical role in creating these opportunities for students who may not otherwise take the time to encounter how good and sweet, how *Aarigaa*, our God is.

CONTINUE YOUR IMPACT

Partnering with CYAK gives young adults the chance to come together in the name of Jesus for retreats. Consider the impact you may make by creating easier financial access to the Young Adult Retreat for students who may not otherwise be able to go. For information and how to make a gift follow the link below. **Will you continue your impact?**

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