

Alaska Youth for Environmental Action is recruiting Adults Mentors for the Anchorage Chapter!



Alaska Youth for Environmental Action inspires and trains rural and urban youth leaders to impact environmental issues by providing leadership skills training and supporting youth-led community action projects and campaigns.

We are committed to a youth-led model, in which teens choose the issues AYEA works on, and teens are the leaders in all AYEA campaigns and projects.

Adult mentors and staff provide essential support to help youth learn the skills they need to successfully reach their project goals.

Our vision is to create a statewide movement of diverse young Alaskans who have the skills, connections, and inspiration to effectively advocate for our communities and environment.

Alaska Center for the Environment is proud to prioritize youth engagement as part of our work. Our youth programs intentionally a continuum of engagement opportunities in order to leaders for conservation.

Adults who would like to support Anchorage AYEA teens through the summer and following school year are encouraged to apply. A “Primary” Adult Mentor must able to commit two hours/week to a group of approximately 10-15 diverse teens in the greater Anchorage area. A “Part Time” mentor must be able to commit two hours/ month.

Mentors must be committed to the understanding that youth are the leaders and action takers within AYEA, but that adults play a vital role to play in facilitating, guiding and assisting their progress.

Anchorage Adult Mentor Responsibilities:

- Support AYEA Chapter members in required 1-2 hour bi-weekly meetings, held in the evening
- In between meetings provide support, reminders, and suggestions to help the members fulfill all of their responsibilities.
- Communicate with teens “on their terms” by email , phone, texting and facebook to provide additional reminders, encouragement and logistical support
- Highlight opportunities for teens to volunteer, attend and get involved in conservation and community events

- Work to balance adult support with youth leadership and initiative in chapter projects
- Update and work with AYEА Staff on an ongoing basis
- Help teens evaluate the success and challenges of projects when completed
- Have fun! Relate to the teens, laugh with them, be flexible, celebrate their successes

Adult Mentors will receive the following:

- New skills: mentoring, project planning, communicating with youth, youth development, as well as skills relevant to chapter projects.
- Experience supporting youth lead projects and Youth Organizing
- Letter of Recommendation upon request
- Support from AYEА staff and the State Wide Advisory Board
- Adult Mentor resources, Youth Organizing information, etc.



Rolling deadline for applications. We hope to have slots filled by May 16th. Background check required.

We are looking for primary adult mentors for the Anchorage chapter that are able to fulfil the above description, but are also looking for part time mentors on a case-by-case basis.

Please send a letter of interest to Megan that addresses the following:

- Interest or experience working with young people
- Interest or experience in Alaskan Environmental issues
- Availability

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