



Youth Leadership Opportunities In Our Community

Anchorage organizations offer many exciting Youth Leadership Opportunities. Here is a list of what is available, by organization: Girl Scouts of Alaska, YWCA, Spirit of Youth, Volunteers of America, Covenant House, Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Camp Fire, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Camp Fire, Public Transit Advisory Board, and the Anchorage Youth Development Coalition.



Troop Leader & Assistant

If you are 18 years or older, women or men, guide girls through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, by becoming a troop leader. Girl Scouts have more girls who would like to participate in scouting than they have troop leaders. Girl Scouts have a popular afterschool program at Title 1 schools. You will have a positive impact on the lives of the girls in your troop.

Lego Robotics Coaches

Women and men, 18 years or older, can serve as coaches to guide a team of girls through the LEGO Robotics experience. This 10 week program changes lives as girls program, build and compete with their robots. Join in the fun and guide girls through the robotics experience. No robotics experience needed.

Summer Camp Program Aide

This opportunity is for girls between the grades of 7 through 12 to become a Program Aide during the Girl Scouts summer camp.

Summer Camp Staff

You must be 18 years of age or older to join the Summer Camp team dedicated to our campers growth and development, with their peers and with the natural world. Girl Scouts have two camp properties and host camps in 30+ communities across the state.

Membership Connections Committee (MCC)

The MCC provides input to the Board of Directors from Girl Scouts membership. MCC has members from across the state. You will have input and impact on the future of Girl Scouting in Alaska

Board of Directors of Girls Scouts of AK

Join the Board of directors of Girl Scouts of Alaska. Bylaws provide opportunity for high school aged girls to be board members. Learn about good governance, organizational strategy and leadership.

For more information on leadership opportunities mentioned above with the Girl Scouts of Alaska, please visit them online at www.girlscoutsalaska.org or email sperles@girlscoutsalaska.org.



Young People of Achievement Awards: Honoree

YWCA Alaska recognizes Alaska youth, ages 16-18, who have overcome major obstacles in their lives, and who have made efforts toward fulfilling the mission of the YWCA. Ten selected honorees will receive cash awards and recognition at the Young People of Achievement Awards in March of 2016. Application due February 26, 2016.

Young People of Achievement Awards: Planning Committee Member

YWCA Alaska hosts an annual awards event honoring the Young People of Achievement. Planning committee members will help brainstorm ideas for the event and provide support to YWCA staff during the event that will be held in March 2016. Committee time frame: February – March 2016.

Multicultural Female Leadership conference: Planning Committee Member

This one day conference seeks to empower, educate, and inspire middle school girls to be successful, make healthy choices, and make a difference in their community. Planning committee members will help think of Conference theme, workshop, presenters, roundtable speakers, and activities. They will also provide support to YWCA staff during the Conference in fall of 2016.

Youth Circle Facilitator

Girls circles and Boys Circles are a place for youth ages 9-14 to unite, build confidence, express themselves, experience a sense of belonging, and act responsibly with self-respect. Facilitators lead a Circle once a week for two hours over a school semester. Co-facilitator positions available for youth 14-18 year olds. Facilitator positions are available for ages 18 and up.

For more information on leadership opportunities mentioned above with YWCA, please contact Joanna Schultz, Youth Empowerment Coordinator by email at jschultz@ywcaak.org or call (907)644-9621.



Teen Advisory Council

The Spirit of Youth Teen Advisory Council is a group of high school students that meets throughout the year to determine the Spirit of Youth Award recipients. They also help recognize these youth and organize community service projects. To become a member of the teen advisory council please visit our website at <http://www.spiritofyouth.org/about-us/teen-advisory-council/join-our-teen-advisory-council/>.



Board of Directors

Volunteers of America is currently seeking to add a youth between the ages of 21-28 years of age to the Volunteers of America Board of Directors.

Healthy Voices Healthy Choices (HVHC) Peer Leader

Healthy Voices, Healthy Choices Coalition is a grassroots coalition made up of various stakeholders in the Anchorage Community. HVHC Mission is: Healthy Voices, Healthy Choices brings together various stakeholders to promote healthy choices through public education, outreach, advocacy, and youth-led activities. HVHC is seeking additional youth leaders.

For more information about Volunteers of America youth opportunities please contact either: Charlie Daniels, VP of Prevention and Intervention by email cdaniels@voaak.org or by calling 907-279-9634/907-301-2710; or Zara Smelcer by email justice@voaak.org or by calling 907-279-9609.



Youth Advisory Board

The Youth Advisory board is open to all current and past residents of Covenant House Alaska. The board meets on a weekly basis. For more information about the Covenant House Alaska Youth Advisory Board, please contact Julie Galligan, Pastoral Minister at jgalligan@covenanthouseak.org or 907-339-4204.

Peer Outreach Worker

Covenant House has positions through the Street Outreach Program that offers great leadership opportunities as a Peer Outreach Worker. This is a paid position, up to 20 hours/week, working directly with youth on the streets and in the Drop-In Center. Peer Outreach Worker position is for those between the ages of 18 and 21. To learn more about Street Outreach please contact Josh Louwerse, Street Outreach Program Coordinator, at 907-339-4438 or jlouwerse@covenanthouseak.org.



Regional and Village Internship Programs

Many of the Alaska Native Corporations – both Regional and Village – have internship programs in place. Some are focused on high school youth and some on college age youth. Youth should check with both regional and village corps for leadership opportunity.

CITC's Internship Programs

CITC seeks to deepen relationships with Alaska Native and American Indian people and provide valuable work experience in a variety of fields of study for future leaders. CITC proudly offers a 12- week paid temporary internship program for qualified Alaska Native and American Indian students residing in the Cook Inlet Region of Alaska. This program will provide college students with real life work experience and the opportunity to apply their education in a professional work environment, bridging the gap between students to working professionals. For more information please visit our website at <http://citci.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/CITC-Temporary-Internship-Application-2016.pdf>

First Alaskans Summer Institute

Leadership development is one of the four key initiative areas for First Alaskans Institute. 2016 will mark the 13th year of First Alaskans' Summer Internship program for Alaskan Native and American Indian undergraduate/graduate students. The 10 week summer session has placed 283 interns with over 100 employer hosts since 2004. For more information please visit our website at <http://firstalaskans.org/leadership-development/summer-internship-program/>.

The Alaska Initiative for Community Engagement (ICE)

The Youth Leadership Institute (YLI) is a three-day hands-on training experience for Alaska High School students who aspire to be leaders in their schools and communities. YLI takes place each year in conjunction with our annual conference in Anchorage. For more information on Youth Leadership, contact us at (907)586-1083 or aadb@aadb.org.



Program Aide

A Camp Fire program aide is a paid position, providing support to a School Age Program or Center site consistent with Camp Fire Purpose, Philosophy, Standards and Criteria. Qualifications for youth to participate as a program Aide are: completion of 10th grade, be 16 years of age or older and be able to lift 35 pounds. For more information please visit <http://www.campfireak.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/PROGRAM-AIDE.pdf>.

Leader-in-Training Program @ Camp K

Camp Fire Leader-in-Training candidates are for youth age 16 or 17 years old by June 1st. You must have successfully completed the online application process and presented your project to camp leadership if you would like to participate in this program. For more information please visit <http://www.campfireak.org/program/summer/leader-in-training-program/>.



School-Based Mentors

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska has youth leadership opportunities as mentors in their School-Based Programs. School-Based Bigs, high school age youth, meet with their Littles, elementary school age youth, once a week for an hour during the elementary school day. For high school youth this usually means going to the elementary school right after they get out of school, for the last hour of the Little's school day. For more information on this opportunity please contact Trina Resari-Salao, VP of Programs, by email trina.resari-salao@bbbsak.org or call 907-433-4600.



Public Transit Advisory Board

There is established a public transit advisory board consisting of nine persons to advise the assembly and the mayor. At least two of the members shall be disabled. The board is intended to contribute to the long range planning of a balanced public transit system in the municipality. The Board meets the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact HansenSA@muni.org or call 343-8213.



On-Going Opportunities

Anchorage Youth Development Coalition (AYDC) is continually looking for opportunities to involve youth. AYDC encourages all youth interested in possible leadership roles with their agency to email AYDC at jdutton@aydc.org. As leadership roles become available the agency will then share the information directly with interested youth.