



Alaska Youth for Environmental Action (AYEA)

Getting Creative: AYEА Summer Training

The AYEА Summer Training is for teens who want to learn about environmental issues in Alaska and make a difference in their communities. At the training, teens will use writing and creative art forms to creatively express their ideas and thoughts on environmental issues like climate change and renewable energy.

Core Components Participants will:

- Learn about climate change and renewable energy
- Meet teens from all over Alaska
- Learn about different art forms and ways to creatively express your ideas on the environment

Environmental Education: Each year, AYEА's youth leaders chose the environmental issue for the focus of our summer training. Past trainings have focused on real food, climate change, mining, solid waste and recycling! Teens spend the week engaging with issue experts, researching information, and learning hands-on about the featured topic.

Art Skills: While gaining understanding of this important environmental issue, participants are also immersed in an intensive art training (past art forms have included digital storytelling, spoken word/ slam poetry, memoir, visual art, theatre, dance, audio and video production). Teens use one of these art forms to share their ideas and experience with the environmental issue through creative storytelling. We also explore the role for art as a tool in activism and discuss ways that youth can share their artwork to make an impact.

Cost: The cost of the 5-day summit is **\$100**. This includes meals, local transportation, accommodations, and training/supplies. This does *not* include travel—fundraising resources and scholarship applications are available at www.ayea.org

Location: The Summer Training takes place in different communities each year. In the past it has been held in Bethel, Anchorage, Chugiak, Homer, Cordova, Sitka, and Fairbanks!

Who should apply? Teens from rural and urban Alaskan communities are welcome to apply. We will accept up to 20 youth in grades 8-12. We encourage 2-3 youth to apply from each community. Experience not necessary, interest is!

To apply or nominate a teen, or go to www.ayea.org

