

Y A Program had long summer

We have been doing so many exciting things lately that there just is not hours enough in the day!

Harold Ivanoff, our Arctic Survival Aide, has been spending all his time getting our snowmachines and sleds ready for another exciting winter. We are hoping to get a few weekend trips out in the near future, with our extended ten-day trips starting in mid-to-late October.

Harold has a few words he would like to say to introduce himself:

"Hello, my name is Harold Ivanoff and I am currently working as the Arctic Survival Aide with the Youth alternatives Program. I spent the past summer working as a Counselor at Ukiqsuu Summer Camp. The youth and staff that participated at Ukiqsuu really enjoyed the summer. I am looking forward to the start of the Arctic Survival trips scheduled later in the coming month. I was born here in Barrow. I have two brothers and one sister living in Fairbanks. My parents and other brother are currently living in Atkasuk. I am happy to say I enjoy working with Youth Alternatives and I am looking forward to being part of it for a long time to come."

Thanks go out to all of those that helped to make our car wash on Saturday, August 20, a big success. Things got a little messy and everyone got quite wet, but the youth and counselors all had a great time. After the car wash, some of the money raised was used to have a pizza feast.

Thanks to Pete, the manager of Arctic Pizza, for the extra pizzas that were donated. Everyone got their fill, with the rest



given to the children's receiving home for the youth there.

One of our major activities this month was the bake sale at A.C. Stuaqpak. Cakes, breads, cookies, and Eskimo donuts were sold. Youth, assisted by Racheluz, spent two days baking Eskimo donuts and they were all sold in a flash.

A special thanks to the A.C. Company for all of the help that made the bake sale possible. Thanks also goes out to all those who were kind enough to donate baked goods for the sale. We are hoping to have another sale soon, with a lot more donuts this time. We will be looking forward to seeing you there. . . .

Ukiqsuu Summer Camp came to a close in August. Our maintenance crew spent some extra time doing a few repairs around the camp. We are currently looking into purchasing a bunch of new equipment for next year. We have so many things we are planning to do. Ukiqsuu next year should be great.

For October we have planned a dance on the 8th at the Community Center. Entertainment and refreshments are currently being arranged. The dance will be open to youth ages 8-12 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. and open to youth ages 12-18 from 9:00 to 12:00 p.m. This is our first dance so we are working hard to make everything go well. Hope to see you there. . . .

The Siniktagvik Drop-In-Center had a total of 208 contacts in August. Games, Atari, arts and crafts, pen pals, and the

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"kooking club" are just some of the current activities at the drop-in. The center is open Monday through Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for activities. A prize is awarded monthly for the best arts and crafts project. Youth are encouraged to stop by the drop-in for more information on activities or call 852-3997.

Jose Oliver, the new counselor at the center has a few words he would like to say to introduce himself:

"Hello, I am Jose Oliver Jr., the new Youth Counselor, who has a strong desire to help the youth of Barrow. I came from California and am working at the Drop-In Center, always ready, willing and able to be of assistance and to share your joy or depression. But I need your help, too. Help me preserve the tradition of self-respect and dignity your ancestors preciously preserved, will you? I will be looking forward to your visit at the Drop-In Center."

Two youth participated in the Jail Diversion Program in August. All the new improvements at the Center make it a peaceful and comfortable place for the youth. Youth who have participated in the program said they were very glad they had the chance to be involved.

The patrol gave a total of 716 rides in August. Our present winter patrol hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. and on Friday and Saturday from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. We are pleased to find that there are less youth on the streets late at night.

In addition to patrolling the streets, we are now stopping to check some of the areas in town that youth are known to hang out, 29-units, 12-plexes, etc. When youth are found to be in these places late at night they are encouraged to go home, or an alternate situation is explored, such as taking them to the Drop-In, if they are not able to return home.

Dave Gerke is our new patrol person. He would like to say a few words of introduction.

"Hi, everyone! I'm Dave Gerke and I am one of the new Youth Counselors currently driving the Patrol Vehicle at night. Most of you probably know me or have seen me. I usually ride one of my old jalopy machines, but they are all broken down, so I'm riding my blue ten-speed. I might be young for a counselor, but I have good ears and enjoy helping people. Sometimes you may need to talk to someone that may have experienced the same type problems that you may have. If there is anything I can do, just ask. I'll do my best."



In addition to the night patrol, we have recently started a morning patrol. This is in the hope of decreasing some of the tardiness and truancy that the school is already experiencing. Harold Ivanoff and Jack Smith have been taking turns patrolling in the morning and we are happy to say that it has been successful.

Judy Balangue left for Chicago to attend the National Youth Work Alliance on September 24. At the conference Judy will be able to review ideas and programs from around the nation. We can hardly wait for Judy to return so we can hear all of the exciting new ideas.

For more information on activities, you can call the Youth Alternatives' office at 852-5600 or you can call the Siniktagnik Drop-In Center at 852-3997.

Until next time . . . All the best from the Y.A. Staff.

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