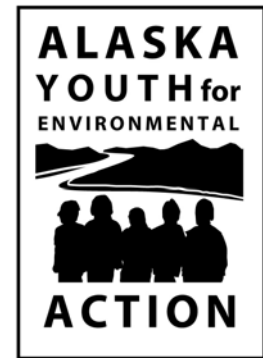


Who serves on SWAG?

The Statewide Advisory Group includes 8-10 volunteers (4-5 youth, 4-5 adults) who provide cultural, geographical, and political. We seek individuals with knowledge or skills in one of the following areas: skills training, youth development, public relations/outreach, strategic planning, governance, environmental health/justice issues, and/or fundraising. New members are paired with veteran members to provide a mentoring aspect.



What is the time commitment?

Members of the Statewide Advisory Group must commit to

- one face-to-face weekend retreat each fall/winter
- bi-monthly 1-hour teleconference meetings
- volunteering for our annual Summer Fun-Raiser (June each year)

How do I get involved?

See the end of this page for a link to the application.

What are some of the decisions that SWAG is responsible for?

Examples of decisions and actions of SWAG:

- Prioritizing AYEAs involvement with statewide, national and international activities each year e.g. international Youth Eco-Forum, Alaska Federation of Natives, D.C. trips
- Selecting youth candidates to participate in national and international activities
- Voting on new logos/designs
- Recruiting and hiring of new staff
- Developing criteria/policies for chapters and members
- Helping determine theme of upcoming year, e.g. climate change
- Developing recruitment and selection process for AYEAs statewide trainings
- Participating in the AYEAs annual Summer Fun-Raiser
- Identifying program partners in the conservation, civic, and youth development communities and facilitating those partnerships through meetings, joint projects

Examples of AYEAs Ad-hoc committees and Actions

- AYEAs Hiring Sub committee: reviews applications for new staff, selects candidates to be interviewed, and makes final decision on hiring of new staff
- AYEAs Logo Sub committee: provides input and feedback on logo designs and will recommend new logo design to entire SWAG for approval
- AYEAs Membership Sub committee: put together "membership package" to be offered once web site is created in 2006, including fee(s) and what new members receive, etc.



Alaska Youth for Environmental Action (AYEA)
Statewide Advisory Group (SWAG!)
Application

The mission of AYEА is to inspire, educate and take action on environmental issues facing our communities. We accomplish this mission through hands-on projects and skills training for high school students throughout the state.

1) Contact Information

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/Village: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (cell) _____

Year of HS Graduation (for teens): _____

Organization/Affiliation (for adults): _____

How long have you been involved with AYEА? _____

2) Please describe your experience, if any, serving on boards, committees, councils, or other volunteer leadership experiences (*including AYEА activities*):

3) Please check the experience or skills you will contribute to the Advisory Committee:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Governance/Organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations/Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Political/campaign experience |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Science/Social Studies Background | <input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge of Environmental Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach to diverse audiences | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

4) Why do you want to serve on the AYEА Statewide Advisory Group (SWAG)?

5) Are you willing to raise funds to help sustain the SWAG activities?

YES

NO

6) Please provide the name and contact information for two references:

(a) Name: _____ Phone/Email: _____

(b) Name: _____ Phone/Email: _____

Please return to Polly Carr, AYEА Program Manager, at: carrp@nwf.org
Fax (907) 339-3980 750 West 2nd Avenue, Suite 200 Anchorage, AK 99501
Questions? Call (907) 339-3907