

Youth Involvement

FACT SHEET

We invite youth to get involved, become active stewards of their communities and help keep Prince William Sound safe from oil spills!

One of our goals is to draw young people into the organization to foster their volunteer skills and support the council's mission.

The Exxon Valdez oil spill happened in 1989, but its effects linger. Even though they might not have been around when the spill occurred, youth and young adults can learn about that disaster and play a vital role in helping prevent another spill.

The council solicits proposals from teachers/sponsors for projects that support the council's mission. Up to \$5,000 can be available to help with these projects. We encourage collaboration with other organizations.

A few projects that received funding from the council through this project:

EXPEDITIONS THROUGH PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND

Middle school students from Valdez, Cordova, Whittier and Anchorage explored Prince William Sound, living aboard the vessel Babkin, **learning from each other** about Alaska's diverse communities, and investigating environmental change with local scientists.

SCIENCE FESTS

Community ocean science festivals with hands on stations and guest presenters.

OCEAN SCIENCE DISCOVERY PROGRAM – KODIAK

A week long summer program for Kodiak students interested in marine science and ocean exploration.



A Biology 2 class from Valdez High School headed to Kasitsna Bay Lab in Kachemak Bay for a marine research and education field trip in 2012.

No doubt, I respect nature much more, and want to do whatever I can to keep it beautiful and preserved.

Prince William Sound is a wonderful place, but disasters like the Exxon Valdez oil spill, disrespect, and neglecting the Sound will only make it weaker. People need to learn to be considerate of where they live, and take responsibility for their actions.

—Jenny Rankin

Jenny and 10 other Alaska students spent a week exploring Prince William Sound as part of the first annual Chugach Children's Forest Expedition Series, a program by Alaska Geographic. In this photo, Jenny shows her hands which are covered in lingering Exxon Valdez oil from a beach in the Sound.



This project is part of the work of the council's Information and Education Committee: www.pwsrcac.org/about/committees/information-and-education-committee/

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