



Alaska Fellows Program Fall 2020 Newsletter

Greetings from the Last Frontier!

As the seventh cohort to participate in the Alaska Fellows Program, we know we have big shoes to fill. From the moment we arrived at our new homes, we started hearing stories about the previous incredible cohorts and their adventures.

Although we haven't been here long, we've already started hiking, growing, cooking, living, and working together; and we're looking forward to leaving our own, slightly muddy, shoes, for the next cohort to fill.

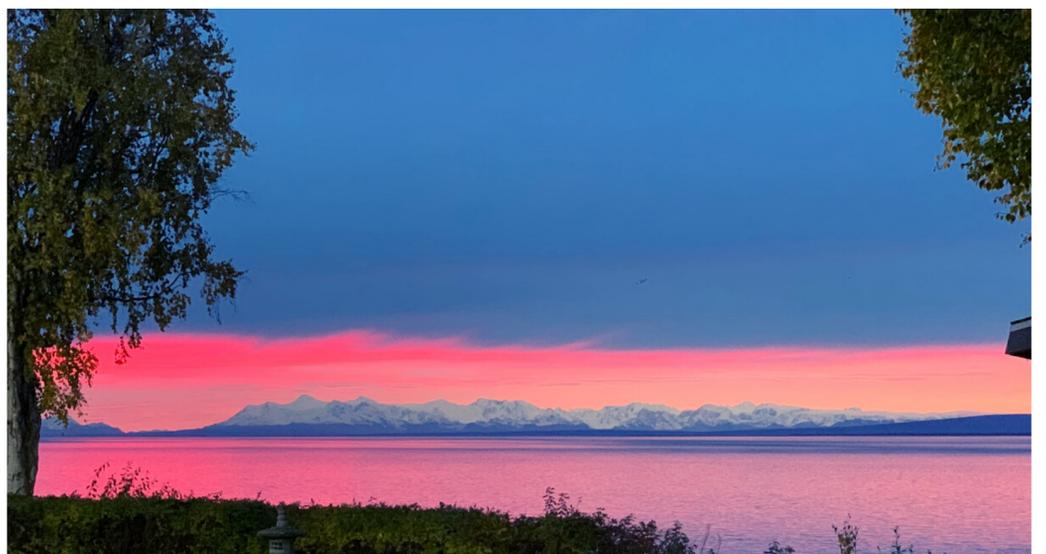


A classic O'Connell Bridge sunset over Sitka Sound.



Little Indigo Lake during late afternoon.

Some of us have lived in Alaska our entire lives. Some of us are newcomers to the state. Some of us want to stay in the state forever, while others hope to have a memorable experience before heading elsewhere. Although we all have different backgrounds, we are united by a desire to develop personally, grow professionally, and enrich our Alaska communities.

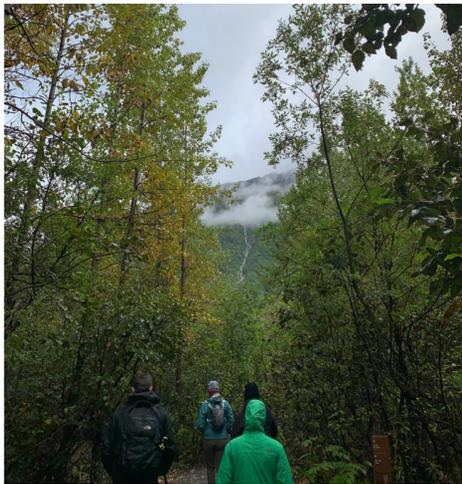


September sunset, around the corner from the Anchorage fellows' houses.

Opening Retreats Across Sites



The Sitka Fellows went on a three-day retreat at Samsing Cove Cabin, along with site coordinator Maïke and Executive Director Meredith. After a short but eventful boat ride featuring lots of wildlife and large swells, fellows settled in to the two-story Forest Service cabin. Fellows spent their retreat exploring the ever-shifting intertidal zone, hiking through the surrounding forest, and discussing their aspirations for the coming year of living in community at 700 Etolin Street. *Left:* Rachel examines a sunflower sea star (*Pycnopodia helianthoides*) at low tide. *Right:* Fellows gather around the campfire to roast marshmallows, all the while fending off rain and no-see-ums.



Fellows in Anchorage drove down the scenic Seward Highway to Manitoba Hut for their opening retreat. The fellows arriving from outside Alaska received in-depth tutorials from Maleah and Alex on how to use bear spray, not get eaten by a bear, and avoid being trampled by a moose (thankfully, none of us have yet to use these lessons). The fellows also discovered an old mine near the cabin and set goals for the program year with the help of site coordinator and program alum Ira.



The Juneau Fellows spent their first weekend together in a cozy little cabin at Eagle River Methodist Camp, about an hour north of downtown Juneau. They spent the rainy weekend playing rummy, strolling along Eagle Beach, and exploring nearby trails. Having grown up in Juneau, Ruby offered much-needed tips and tricks for living in Southeast Alaska. Kate told stories of what it was like growing up on the other side of Alaska, in the small town of Bethel. Keira filled us in on her year in Montana. And, as born-and-raised Midwesterners, Sasha and Isabelle learned the value of a good pair of Xtratufs. *Left:* Keira and Kate carry a bucket of kelp (from a safe distance!) for a kind stranger on her monthly trip to collect several pounds for her compost pile. *Center:* Ruby enjoys some puppy play time in a comfy hammock between icebreakers. *Right:* Fellows climb onto the roots of a fallen tree for their first of many group photos.

Meet the Fellows

Juneau

Ruby Steedle - Public Education Fellow, The Alaska Council of School Administrators

Ruby Steedle was born and raised in Juneau and is excited to be back in Alaska to work with the Alaska Council of School Administrators. She graduated in 2019 from Brown University, where she studied Applied Math and Economics with a focus in health and education economics and structures of inequality. For the past year, she worked as a Predoctoral Research Fellow in the Columbia University Department of Economics on projects related to police use of force and social network structures. In her free time, she loves baking projects, all forms of comedy, and getting outside on Juneau's trails.



Kate McWilliams - Outreach and Development Fellow, Trail Mix, Inc.

Kate grew up in a small town called Bethel on the Kuskokwim River in Southwest Alaska. From a young age, she developed a deep appreciation for nature's gifts, a passion for environmental stewardship and an itch for hands-on work. She received a bachelors in Sustainable Development from Pomona College and was thrilled to find the position with Trail Mix, Inc., where her day-to-day projects vary from working on the trail to mapping and design. Since moving to Juneau, Kate has enjoyed spending lots of time hiking, camping, and breaking up hours of virtual work by tending to her sourdough and kombucha.



Isabelle Rowland Weisz - Community Economic Development Fellow, Spruce Root, Inc.

Isabelle was born and raised in Chicago and studied English and Entrepreneurship at the University of Iowa. Throughout her time in school, Isabelle developed a deep connection with her community through work with local organizations focused on crisis intervention, food insecurity, domestic violence, and children's literacy. She is excited to learn about and connect with the beautiful and rich communities of Southeast Alaska through her work with Spruce Root. In her free time, Isabelle enjoys embroidering, playing board games, and having long talks with good friends over a meal or around a bonfire.

Sasha Keenan - Communications Specialist Fellow, Sealaska Heritage Institute and Sealaska Corporation

Sasha Keenan attended New York University, where she earned a B.S. in Media, Culture, and Communication and pursued a second major in Environmental Studies. She grew up in Naperville, IL, though she lived in St. Petersburg, Russia in her early childhood. During her time at NYU, Sasha spent semesters in both Sydney, Australia and Prague, Czech Republic. She is excited to get involved in the Juneau community and to learn more about Sealaska's role within Southeast Alaska. In her free time, Sasha enjoys cooking, listening to podcasts, spending time with friends, and writing postcards to strangers via Postcrossing.



Katherine Bell - Community Resiliency and Economic Recovery Fellow, Southeast Conference



Katherine Bell is from Clemmons, North Carolina and studied Environmental Studies with minors in German and Chinese at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She later got her Master's degree at Duke University in Management. She is so excited to blend her knowledge of sustainability and economics as the Economic Recovery and Community Resiliency Fellow at Southeast Conference this year. In her free time, she enjoys reading, playing video games, spending time outside, and above all, making new furry friends!

Keira Koch - Education Fellow, Sealaska Heritage Institute

Keira Koch is the Education Fellow at Sealaska Heritage Institute. In 2019, she received her Bachelor's degree in Indigenous Studies from Gettysburg College. Prior to moving to Alaska, she did a year of service with Americorps in Montana. Keira is excited to immerse herself in the Juneau community and learn more about Alaska. In her free time she enjoys exploring, baking, playing the ukulele, and finding new podcasts.





Madison Tebbe - Events and Conventions Development Fellow, Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce & Visit Sitka



Maddie is excited to join the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce and the Visit Sitka team this year. Originally from Houston, Maddie graduated in 2019 from the University of San Diego, where she studied international business and anthropology. Her first months in Sitka have been filled with convincing her housemates to go snorkeling in 45-degree water with her, finding the best ways to cook salmon, and going on “runs,” which really means watching sunsets from the tide pools by Totem Park.

Peter Heckendorn - Program Manager, Council on Technology & Society



Peter is originally from Andover, MA but he has spent four of the last five summers working on Alaska political campaigns. This year, Peter is working for a new AFP host organization, the Council on Technology & Society – a community of tech folks looking to learn about and get activated on public policy issues. In Sitka, he has enjoyed getting to know members of the community, going for runs across the bridge, and cajoling his housemates into playing sports with him.

Tasha Boyer - Programs and Operations Fellow, Outer Coast

Tasha was born and raised in Chugiak, Alaska and received her B.S. in Psychology from Yale University. Having spent high school advocating for public education with the Anchorage School Board, Tasha is thrilled to learn more about the ins and outs of the Alaskan postsecondary school system with Outer Coast. She spent the first half of 2020 in southern Brazil as a Fulbright Scholar, where she taught English to Brazilian undergraduates. In Sitka, Tasha has enjoyed filling the Etolin house with the aromas of her mother’s traditional Thai recipes, choreographing on the Sheldon Jackson campus lawn, and starting living room dance parties with her housemates.



Grace Lavelle - College and Career Guide Fellow, Mt. Edgecumbe High School

Grace grew up in Lakewood, Ohio. She graduated with a major in Business Administration, specializing in Global Development Operations and a minor in Education Studies from American University. Her senior year, she interned for the FoodPrints FreshFarm program in DC public schools, which ignited her interest in expanding educational opportunities in public education. She is passionate about finding educational opportunities inside and outside the classroom. Her position at MEHS will allow her to pursue this concept further. In her free time, Grace enjoys running and hiking, cooking with her housemates, drinking coffee, and reading.



Amy Li - Tongass Communications Fellow, U.S. Forest Service & Sitka Conservation Society

Amy, originally from the East Coast, just graduated from Harvard University, where she studied environmental science. She is working with Sitka Conservation Society and the Forest Service on multimedia communications projects highlighting the beauty and importance of the Tongass National Forest. So far, she has been pleasantly surprised by the sunny days, sluggish to embrace the rainy ones, and breath-taken by the alpenglow and snow-tipped peaks.



Rachel Thomson - Development and Administration Fellow, Outer Coast

Rachel is originally from Seattle, WA, and graduated from Stanford University in 2019 with a B.A. in Human Biology. She is working on the Development Team at Outer Coast, an emergent two-year college in Sitka. Rachel is particularly curious to explore various socioemotional and moral questions around nonprofit fundraising - and she is finding that development work can actually feel quite genuine and meaningful! She also relishes the company of mountains and water on all sides, and enjoys frequent walks (and runs and bikes) to take it all in.



Madison Kennedy - Internship & Work Experience Fellow, Mt. Edgecumbe High School

Madison is loving her position with MEHS and the opportunities it has afforded her to make connections with organizations around Sitka. Originally from Delaware, Madison is a recent graduate with a degree in psychology from Tulane University, and she is excited to be in Alaska for the first time. So far, she has enjoyed cozy, rainy days with her housemates, meeting all of Sitka’s amazing dogs, and enjoying the views of town from the mountaintops.

Semaite Abiy - Legal Fellow, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault & Sitka Tribe of Alaska (Not pictured)

Anchorage



Maleah Wenzel - Community Resilience Fellow, Alaska Children's Trust

Maleah is Tlingit from Wrangell, Alaska, but she's spent the last four years studying at Dartmouth College. Now that she's graduated, she's putting her skills to use as a Community Resilience Fellow with the Alaska Children's Trust. She's been doing some really exciting work with the trust, ranging from grant writing to community outreach to decolonization work. She's also been spending every possible moment being outdoors with the other fellows. She cannot get enough of the hiking and all the last-minute outdoor adventures that Anchorage has to offer.



Joe Grochmal - Entrepreneurship Fellow, University of Alaska Center for Economic Development

A newcomer to the Last Frontier, Joe is the Entrepreneurship Fellow at the University of Alaska Center for Economic Development. Over the past year, he split his time between a PR firm in NYC and his hometown, where he founded and ran a municipal innovation lab working with the Great Barrington Town Manager's Office. He continues to run the lab remotely as a Lead for America Hometown Fellow. An avid endurance runner, Joe lives for adventure. He graduated from Harvard College in 2019 with a Concentration in Government and a Secondary in History.



Micaela Hogan - Sustainability Fellow, Municipality of Anchorage



Micaela is the Sustainability Fellow with Solid Waste Services at the Municipality of Anchorage. She is originally from Anchorage. In her position, she has enjoyed learning and participating in projects to implement the goal of the Climate Action Plan for Anchorage. Her work also includes planning and outreach for the forthcoming launch of the Anchorage Climate Action and Equity Council. She has been enjoying walks and games with the other fellows!

Julia Ver Voort - Program Coordinator, Launch Alaska

Julia graduated last spring from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio with majors in International Studies and Economics. She is working as a Program Coordinator with Launch Alaska, making use of her background in energy entrepreneurship. She will be focused on recruiting teams for their 2021 Tech Deployment Track program. She is pumped to have Westchester Lagoon as her backyard ice-skating rink and has enjoyed weekly hikes!



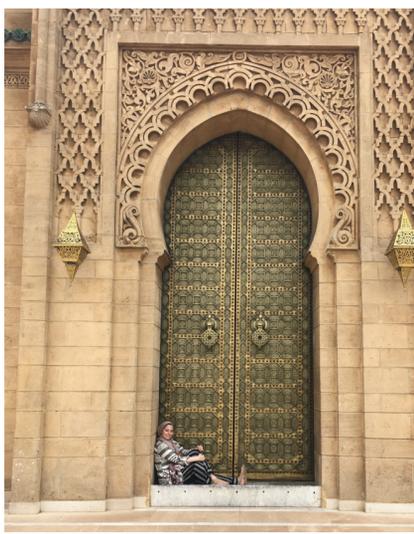
Kate Silber - Housing and Community Development Fellow, Cook Inlet Housing Authority

Kate graduated from Haverford College this year with a degree in Growth & Structure of Cities. At CIHA, she's been helping to plan for the reopening of the "Church of Love" community, culture, and arts center. She's helping on creative placemaking projects and learning more about CIHA's strategies to make neighborhoods around Anchorage work better for people. Eventually, she hopes to study for a master's degree in Urban Planning. While growing up near Chicago has prepared her for winter cold, she has basically no exposure to mountains and has been excited to see mountains every day!



Ani Alaberkyan - Racial Equity and Inclusion Fellow, Alaska Humanities Forum

Ani is a recent Fulbright alumna, as well as a graduate of University of California-Los Angeles (Class of '19), where she completed a triple major in Linguistics, Anthropology, and Middle Eastern Studies, with a concurrent master's degree (and claims she still hasn't learned how to write a good introduction). She is the Racial Equity and Inclusion Fellow at the Alaska Humanities Forum. In her free time, she enjoys partaking in a variety of activities for a few weeks to months until they cease to be stimulating. She is a Capricorn.



Mackenzie George - Municipal Policy Fellow, Municipality of Anchorage



Mackenzie graduated from Rutgers University in 2019 with a degree in Environmental Policy, Institutions, and Behavior. In addition to her daily work, which includes handling the COVID-19 inbox and sending out press clips, she has pursued environmental policy work, including grant research and writing for different projects, such as the upcoming launch of the Climate Action and Equity Council. Outside of work, she's been enjoying treats from every bakery within a 50-mile radius and subjecting her housemates to the sound of the rowing machine in her bedroom.

Alex Rexford - Organizing Fellow, Just Transition Collective

Alex is the Organizing Fellow with the Alaska Just Transition Collective! Over the past few months, she's learned new skills & grew into her role as a young Indigenous person in the movement toward transitioning from an extractive economy toward one that is regenerative and just; as well as the reclamation of Indigenous sovereignty and the fight for racial equity. She's extremely grateful for AFP & the AKJT Collective for this opportunity to develop as an individual & young leader. Outside of work, she's had a lot of fun sharing laughs while hiking or cooking meals together. Her dog Penny has been enjoying the extra love too!



Joys of Juneau

Reminiscing on Halloween

Greetings from 317 S. Franklin! As of Sunday, November 1st, our cohort has officially spent one month in Juneau. We filled our first few weeks together with Sunday dinners, campfire chats, and strolls around this rainy town we now call home. In that time, it has been a joy to learn about the unique talents and interests each fellow brings to our little pod. Kate taught us how to make her famous kombucha; Sasha wowed everyone with her spicy veggie curry; Keira taught us about the Enneagram personality test; Ruby baked lots of sweet treats; and Kat arrived with a supply of cute cat videos to get us through the winter.

While I don't thrive at cooking, baking, or brewing; I bring an unbridled enthusiasm for a certain spooky holiday to the group. I knew Halloween would look a little different this year, but I was determined to make it special. Luckily, Mother Nature lent me a hand in that department. We celebrated one month of living in Juneau together on Halloween night under the glow of a blue moon.

To celebrate, we stocked up on our favorite candy, bought pumpkins to carve, and picked a classic (and easily thrifted) group costume: characters from the beloved PBS show Arthur. Later in the evening, donning our animal ears and baggy 90s jeans, we all piled into Ruby's family van (thanks, Rob and Jetta!) and headed out to Eaglecrest Ski Resort to a makeshift drive-in theater for a special showing of Rocky Horror Picture Show.

As we settled into the nest of pillows and blankets in the back of the van and snacked on homemade popcorn, I gazed out over the small sea of cars parked in rows in front of us. The sky opened up after days of rain, giving us a backdrop of snow-dusted mountains and a glowing blue moon — the first of its kind in 66 years.

As the opening number came to a close and the live cast danced in front of the projector screen, the whole drive-in erupted in a cacophony of honking horns, boisterous cheers, and piercing whistles. After so many months of quiet evenings and relative isolation this year, I reveled in this moment of Halloween magic. For the first time, we felt truly connected to this place and its Rocky Horror-loving people for a night about laughter, fun, and that full blue moon.



~ Isabelle Rowland Weisz

My First Camping Trip

When we made it to the rock beach, Ruby asked if I'd rather help start the fire or pitch the tent. I hesitated — I don't really know how to do either. Step-by-step instructions almost always make me nervous (IKEA is to blame, I think), so I found a few rocks that seemed sturdy enough to contain the fire and arranged them into a fire ring.

The fire, once we got it started, felt like a lifeline on the dark, chilly beach. Around it, we ate Domino's pizza and basked in the warmth. We asked each other what we'd do if we only had ten years left to live. Keira pointed out constellations. Isabelle took control of the music playlist. Ruby, a Juneau native, reassured us that we shouldn't worry too much about bears. Kate brought everyone down to the water to show us the bioluminescent algae glowing in the dark water.



We were tired by midnight, but silently dreading the few minutes it would take to transition away from the fire's warmth to our sleeping bags. After I finally mustered up the courage to leave the fire and crawled into my impractically bulky 15 degree sleeping bag, I was still cold. I fell asleep that way, shivering. When I woke up in the middle of the night, though, my sleeping bag had done the trick — in fact, I was too warm! Seems like I have a lot to learn about camping.

~Sasha Keenan

Fellows by the (Enneagram) numbers...

Two wing three (The Host)	Isabelle
Seven (The Enthusiast)	Kate
Eight (The Challenger)	Ruby
Five (The Thinker)	Keira
Nine (The Peacemaker)	Sasha
Two wing one (The Companion)	Kat



Sights of Sitka



Sitka Thus Far

Community-building during a pandemic might sound hard — but for the 2020-2021 Sitka cohort, we've found that the pandemic has given us even more space to invent our own group traditions here at 700 EtoLin Street.

Bonfires have become a go-to house activity, giving Amy a chance to practice her pyrotechnics. We've all had fun learning new board games — and then losing to Rachel, the resident board game master. Tasha is the house's DJ, "vibe captain," and best dancer — a trio of roles that's proving ever important to morale as the days grow shorter. Semaite, in an intimidating commitment to physical health, took folks on a run through a hailstorm to get a flu shot. Housewide games of *Among Us* have revealed Grace's (otherwise dormant) capacity for treachery. And, like clockwork, Madison has rallied the troops to the dinner table to do the Sitka Sentinel Daily Crossword (with minimal Googling of answers).

We may get cabin fever at some point during Sitka's dark, rainy winter — but for now, I'm glad to be spending this winter with a house full of friends at 700 EtoLin Street.

~ Peter Heckendorn



Fellows hiked the Mount Verstovia trail on a beautiful September day.

Most likely to...

Start a living room dance party	Tasha
Go on a blustery walk with four jackets on	Rachel
Spontaneously buy a boat	Maddie
Begrudgingly befriend a four-legged animal and actually enjoy it	Amy
Be the first one awake in the morning	Grace
Willingly wear the color orange	Peter
Eat the most Halloween candy	Madison
Take care of Gus, the landlord's ancient cat	Semaite

Chore Night: A Portrait

Beautiful Girls oozes out of a little black speaker, precariously balanced on the arm of the worn olive loveseat. Five feet away, I perch on the couch's other side, knees wedged between cushions and stairs—a strange, cozy spot afforded by 700 EtoLin's quirky construction.

Sunday, 8:00pm. Grace and I just returned from throwing cans and bottles into huge metal bins at the Recycling Center a quarter-mile down the road. It was my first time there and I delighted in the shatters of tossed glass. I hurled the last few bottles with extra gusto.

Just an hour ago, all eight of us were gathered around the dining table, where we dug into spring rolls and peanut noodles made by Tasha and Madison. We took turns sharing weekend highs and lows: Cross Trail hike with Keiko (our neighbor's dog), *Love Island UK* watch party, Mosquito Cove hammock and rope swings, and backyard bonfire.

Sunday dinner and chore night is one of our rituals. Chefs rotate weekly, as do chore assignments. We all show up to share food, check in, and take care of the house. After it's all over, our house usually smells like bleach and citrus spray, and some pop song is stuck on repeat in my head. Sometimes the group disperses immediately, and sometimes we chat for a while and bask in the cleanliness. This night, we bask. Plans for next weekend simmer. Eventually, chatters fade, bedroom doors close, and our minds look to the coming week's work.

~ Rachel Thomson



The inaugural 700 EtoLin Field Day took place on a rainy Sunday morning. Fellows competed in basketball, four square, a dance-off, and soccer. Semaite and Grace came out victorious.



Fellows enjoy an impromptu dance party at 700 EtoLin.

Adventures in Anchorage

Finding Our Flow

Having spent just over two months at the 15th Avenue house here in Anchorage, the average weekday has become relatively predictable. I realize it's time to wake up when Maleah flips the bathroom light switch, sending the tiniest bit of light into my room; she's been up for about an hour now, making breakfast and preparing for an 8:30am Zoom call. I roll out of bed, throw on some variation of a T-shirt and sweatpants, and head downstairs to make an iced coffee and comb through the Anchorage Daily News.

As I pass by Joe's room, I hear him speaking hurriedly and enthusiastically, likely on his second or third call that morning. Working remotely for both the Center of Economic Development and an innovation lab back in his hometown, he'll run out to New Sagaya Market in about 30 minutes to pick up his three iced coffees for the day (if he hasn't done so already).

I carry my coffee and laptop to the living room and settle into a comfy spot on the couch. I vaguely hear Julia on a call in her room as well. Eventually, she'll come out and join me in the shared space, choosing a sunny spot at the dining room table. Depending on the day, Maleah will either run down to grab a quick snack, or take her time prepping lunch and watching Brooklyn 99 on her phone.

The Virginia Court fellows have a similar rhythm to their days. Kate occasionally borrows the Jeep for a site visit and Alex walks Penny around Westchester Lagoon to break up her work day. If it's a Thursday, Micaela and I both join a Zoom call to discuss the progress of the Anchorage Climate Action & Equity Council. Ani keeps us regularly posted on the programs offered by the Alaska Humanities Forum.

In an attempt to get outside and enjoy the increasingly cold weather, both houses have been taking advantage of the recently frozen lagoon for ice skating. Joe skates backwards, while Kate shows off the few tricks she remembers from ice skating lessons. Simple errands have become a form of entertainment as well. The Hoarding Marmot, our favorite used outdoor gear store, is a house favorite; we never leave empty-handed, and the employees are kind enough not to question why we're there for the third time in a week. My confidence in this newly established routine helps quell my nerves (slightly) as I head into my first Alaskan winter.

~ Mackenzie George



Joe and Alex at the top of Mt. Baldy in Eagle River.



Penny naps in the sun at Virginia Ct.



Kate prepares to conquer her fear of gravel as she, Alex, and Maleah make their way down a slope at Hatcher Pass.

The Best People

Famed American cook Julia Child once said that "people who love to eat are the best people." If this is true, then those of us in Anchorage rank among some of the greatest people to ever exist. Food and cooking have been key components of our time here in Anchorage. For me, every morning begins with iced coffee, which powers me until lunch. Before coming to Alaska, I did not know how to cook, but now consider myself a perfectionist with certain items. Vegan chocolate cake and Korean fried chicken headline my menu, but the final result is but a small part of what I enjoy about cooking for my housemates.

Food brings us together. Even if I am not cooking, if I hear someone in the kitchen, I will often emerge to strike up a conversation, using the same introductory line every time: "Wow! Something smells great." I would feel self-conscious about repeating this line if it were not true every time. When one member of our house on 15th Avenue starts cooking, you know it is simply a matter of time until others appear, inevitably launching a great conversation.

Sunday meals with everyone (15th Ave and Virginia Court) are the best though, when we come together as a group to cook and eat. Yet, these experiences are about far more than cooking -- they are about friendship, laughter, humorous mistakes, and delicious results. Cooking "a la Anchorage" is pretty straightforward: have some quality ingredients, a desire to try something new, and above all else, a willingness to share. This mentality has led to us making everything from dumplings to cinnamon rolls. Even our group activities can lead to delicious culinary outcomes; such as when we roasted and enjoyed the pumpkin seeds from a group carving activity around Halloween.

Although you may not be able to join us at our dinner table this year, from all of us on 15th and at Virginia Court, *bon appétit!*

~ Joe Grochmal

SITES BY THE NUMBERS

SITKA

FORTY Sitka Sentinel crosswords completed

TWENTY-FOUR pots of rice consumed

SIXTEEN gallons of kombucha brewed

THIRTEEN tubs of Tillamook ice cream finished

NINE hours worth of songs on the chore night playlist

EIGHT delicious, convivial house dinners

ONE under-utilized shed filled with possibility

ZERO bear sightings



ANCHORAGE

THREE attempts at jumping the Nissan

EIGHT burgers consumed by Joe in one sitting

TWO last-minute Northern Lights viewing attempts

DOZENS of trips to Hoarding Marmot

FOUR pairs of microspikes purchased

FORTY THREE logs of wood in Virginia Ct's garage

TEN group hikes since arriving in Anchorage

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SIX thousand steps taken on hikes

SIXTEEN light bulb replacements in 15th Ave

TWO functional dish washers (sorry, Juneau fellows!)

JUNEAU

TWENTY-TWO rainy, overcast days

FIVE porcupine sightings (no altercations)

THIRTEEN trails hiked in and around Juneau

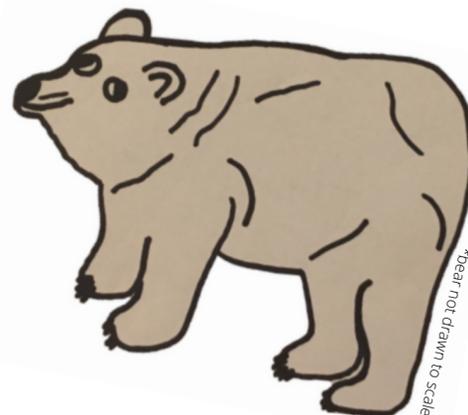
ONE Aurora sighting (sorry, Anchorage fellows!)

FORTY-SEVEN intense rounds of Illimat played

TEN low-light house plants purchased

TWO broken dishwashers (with bonus sink geyser!)

SIX feet apart (from everyone else)



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Bears are everywhere

Yet nowhere at the same time

Where art thou, you bears?

~ Maddie Tebbe

Hikes Across Sites



Meals Across Sites



Halloween Across Sites

