

Forum of Young Alaskans
Discussion Guide

Alaska's Present: Service to our communities

1. We are here today because we are Alaskans and so we will begin by asking, "*What does it mean to be Alaskan?*"

2. We are each a part of a community in the state and our communities face unique and varied challenges. *What do you see as the challenges facing your community?*

3. *What are you doing and what can you do to address the challenges in your community?*

Alaska's Past: Appreciation for our heritage

1. Change can be slight or sudden; it can feel overwhelming or imperceptible; but it is always a constant. *How has Alaska changed in your lifetime?*

2. Imagine that you could choose to live at some other time in Alaska History. *When would you live and what would you be remembered for today?*
3. Our communities contain a great depth of collective knowledge. *Who in your community could you connect with to strengthen your understanding of Alaska's History?*

Alaska's Future: Our next 50 years and beyond

1. Write down every word, thought and image that describes your vision for Alaska's next 50 years.
2. The future of Alaska is a responsibility we all share. *What can you do to address the challenges in your community and to help create your vision for Alaska's future?*
3. *What topics or questions should be addressed at the Conference of Young Alaskans 2009?*