

ALASKA Geographic Youth Expeditions



Middle School
Program
Student
Application
Form 2020



Summer Programs for Middle Schoolers

Chugach Children's Forest Program

Babkin Marine Science Expedition

When? June 8-13, 2020

Who? Middle school students grades 7-8th

What? Spend 6 days living together on a boat in Prince William Sound, exploring the marine ecosystem and temperate rainforest of Chugach National Forest. Investigate the impacts of the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill. See wildlife in their natural habitat. Paddle a kayak on the ocean. See first-hand how marine debris affects coastal habitats. Learn outdoor skills, create multi-media projects to document your experiences, and much more. Meet new friends who like to have fun and adventure, just like you!



Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Program

Kenai Refuge Outdoor Adventure Becoming a Naturalist

When? July 27-31, 2020

Who? Middle School and incoming high school students grades 8-9th

What? Spend 4 days in Kenai NWR immersed in fishing while exploring the natural world around you. Participants will camp in cabins and tents while learning exciting outdoor skills like fly-tying, camp cooking, wildlife observation, canoeing, and more. The course starts and ends in Anchorage.



Beginners
welcome!
Apply by
March 6th

How to Apply?

You must be nominated by an adult (not a relative) who writes a recommendation for you. Chances are, the adult who gave you this form already wants to nominate you. Fill out the application form and give it to your nominator OR send directly to Alaska Geographic by **March 6th**.

Accepted students will be contacted by phone and mail. Once accepted, students and guardians will be sent a paperwork packet that must be completed and returned to confirm a spot. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that everyone who applies will be able to participate. We will keep an active waiting list in case spots open up.

Gear

Participants are expected to provide their own outdoor clothing according to the list we provide. However, we have some clothing available to borrow.

Program Fees

Thanks to our many partners and your contribution to service projects, we are offering these trips to you free of charge.

Other Costs

Participants are expected to cover travel costs to Anchorage for the Kenai Refuge Expedition and the Marine Science Expedition. Programs start and end in Anchorage. Contact Alaska Geographic for information if travel cost would prevent you from being able to participate in a program.

Activity Expectations and Physical Fitness

Participants should be in good physical condition and will be required to submit a medical history Health Form. Participants should be prepared for all weather conditions and receive active learning experiences in remote locations on water and land. Students must be capable walkers, in good health, and equipped for Alaska's often-unpredictable weather (gear list will be provided). Participants will camp in tents in undeveloped areas and will participate in moderately demanding work projects and may include repetitive motion. Weather can include lots of rain.

Insurance and Liability

Participants should have their own health and accident insurance. Alaska Geographic and its coordinating partners act only in the capacity of agents and instructors in all matters relating to transportation and all other related travel services. We assume no responsibility for injury, loss or damage to person or property in connection with any service or program. All participants will be asked to read and sign an Acknowledgment of Risk Form and complete the Health Form within the final packet of participant paperwork.

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.)

Apply online at www.akgeo.org/outdoor-education-program/



Student Application Form - Middle School

You can also fill out this form online at
akgeo.org/outdoor-education-program

Student Contact Information

First and Last Name:

Date of Birth: Age: Current Grade: School:

Home Phone: Cell Phone: Email:

Mailing Address:

Guardian Contact Information

First and Last Name:

Relationship to student:

Cell Phone: Home Phone:

Mailing Address: Email:

Nominator Information

First and Last Name: Phone:

Email:

Pleas rank in order of preference 1 or 2 with 1 being your first choice:

Marine Science Expedition, June 8-13

Kenai Natralist Camp, July 27-31

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Would you be interested in attending more than one sessions? YES NO

Participant Signature: Date:

Parent /Guardian Signature: Date:

**Return application to
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