Arrival
Beginning at 12:30 p.m., the Alaska Geographic guide will greet you at the Murie Science and Learning Center (MSLC) for check-in. Your course begins at 1:00pm. The first day will not include lunch.

Directions, Parking Area and Meeting Location
The entrance to Denali National Park is located at Mile 237 of the George Parks Highway. Follow the Park Road for approximately 1 mile to a roundabout. The first turn off the roundabout leads to the MSLC; however, because you will be parking overnight, we ask that you park in the overnight parking section at the Visitor Center parking lot. To get to this lot, take the second turn off the roundabout toward the “Visitor Center Campus”. You will see a sign for parking that points RVs to the left and automobiles to the right. Turn left toward the RV lot. Overnight parking is available around the perimeter of this lot.

Please leave your bags and packs in your vehicle. We will load directly into the Alaska Geographic van in the parking lot after our initial meeting in the MSLC. To get to the MSLC from this lot, walk toward the Visitor Center (back toward the automobile parking section). Just before the automobile parking area, you will see a crosswalk. Follow the dinosaur footprints to the MSLC. It is about a five minute walk. A map is enclosed.

Your Denali Visit & Your Expectations
Alaska Geographic field courses are designed to immerse participants in a particular subject area. Course activities and destinations in the park are chosen to enhance the course content rather than to focus on sightseeing. If you are interested in seeing more of the park, please add extra time into your itinerary either before or after the course. Exploration farther out the park road is available through the shuttle bus system. We particularly encourage first time visitors to plan for extra time, especially if this is a “once in a lifetime” trip. Please contact us for advice or visit www.nps.gov/dena for more information.

Insurance and Liability
Participants should have their own health and accident insurance. Also please consider travel insurance in case you have to cancel your trip due to illness or injury. All participants need to read and sign Alaska Geographic’s risk form and complete the emergency contact and medical form. These forms can be found on the website by clicking the “required paperwork” button. Please bring these forms with you to the check-in on the first day of the course. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Important Phone Numbers
General Course Information: 907-683-6432 or courses@alaskageographic.org
Emergency Contact: Program Director 907-683-6438 (or 907-699-6044)
Note: During the course participants will not have cell phone coverage or phone access.
Please note, overnight camping is prohibited in the long-term parking areas. You may only camp overnight in an established campground, or in the backcountry with a valid backcountry permit. Visit the Wilderness Access Center and Backcountry Information Center for camping information.