

ALASKA GEOGRAPHIC Youth Expeditions



Alaska Geographic in partnership with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
and Denali National Park

High School
Student
Application
Form 2020



Summer Programs for Alaska High Schoolers

Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival

When? May 7-10, 2020

What? Join Alaska Geographic and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to experience Homer's annual migratory bird celebration. Camp in tents, hike on the beach, and kayak on the ocean! Learn about Homer's migratory bird species through tons of events and activities. Most of our activities will be focused on viewing and learning about migratory birds, including learning to spot and identify them.

Denali National Park Backpacking Expedition

When? June 21-27, 2020

What? Backpack in the wilderness of Denali National Park while working on volunteer projects with National Park Service Rangers. Spend the first and last night at the Murie Science and Learning Center.

Physical Activity Level: Participants should be able to carry up to a forty pound backpack over uneven terrain for approximately five miles per day.



Beginners
welcome!
Apply by
March 6th!

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



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. We provide all of the camping, backpacking, or kayaking equipment.

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 starting points in Anchorage. Limited assistance with travel may be available by contacting Alaska Geographic.

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 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.)

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