

Play in the Park: Family Outdoor School for the Very Young

Denali National Park and Preserve
July 2 - 4, 2024

Course Description

Have you wanted to explore Denali with your tiny humans but feel a bit daunted by the logistics? Let us take care of the logistics and join a knowledgeable science educator for a weekend of family fun in the park. You and your children will enjoy safely exploring nature, hands on activities, and relaxation in the outdoors while learning about the amazing park ecosystem. This course is designed to bolster your confidence in exploring wild places with small children and create an enjoyable nature experience for the whole family. This course is designed for families with children 5 years old and younger.

Note to Parents

When preparing for this adventure, we ask that you carefully read through the gear list and have extra sets of clothing for each child. Bringing their favorite snacks (if needed) will also help them enjoy the course. You will need to provide a car seat for your child. Please keep electronic devices at home to help your family make the most out of your immersion experience in Denali.

Hiking Distances and Physical Fitness

Field courses are active learning experiences and take place off trail in Denali's wilderness. Hiking will be moderate over uneven tundra, forest, and river bar terrain. We may encounter wet tundra / forest conditions and small stream crossings. **Participants must be in good physical condition.** If you are uncertain about your physical ability for this course, please contact us for more information.

Times and Location

Participants meet at the Murie Science and Learning Center, located at mile 1 of the Denali Park Road. Check-in starts at 6:00pm on Tuesday. The course begins at 6:30pm and will return to the park entrance area around 4pm on Thursday.

Lodging and Meals

This course is based out of the Murie Science and Learning Center Field Camp, located 29 miles inside Denali National Park along the Teklanika River. The Field Camp includes rustic tent cabins and outhouses. Meals are simple and healthy.

Questions?

More detailed information about this course can be found by opening the other documents in the "course details" tab on the website. If you have other questions, please contact the Murie Science and Learning Center by email courses@akgeo.org or by phone (907) 683-6432.