

## Artist Expedition: Researching Water

Denali National Park and Preserve

June 28 - 30, 2024

### Course Description

Embark on an immersive artist research expedition in the heart of Denali National Park, where breathtaking landscapes and pristine waters will serve as both muse and medium. Tailored for artists of all levels, this workshop aims to deepen understanding of research-based art, blending scholarly inquiry and artistic processes. With Alaskan artists and educators Carol and Tom Turner, you'll explore Alaska's diverse waters, from glaciers and rivers to rainfall. We'll hike along riverbeds, have the option to experience white-water rafting, and gain new techniques to incorporate into your research-based art practice, such as data collection and analysis.

### Hiking Distances and Physical Fitness

Hiking will be off trail over uneven tundra, forest, and river bar terrains, covering distances of approximately 3-5 miles round trip with as much as 1,500 feet of elevation gain. We will likely encounter wet tundra / forest conditions and stream crossings with water levels that are above hiking boots. **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 Friday. The course begins at 6:30pm and will return to the park entrance area around 4pm on Sunday. There is an optional white water rafting excursion on Friday afternoon before the course starts for an additional fee.

### 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.

### Accreditation

The University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) offers one professional development credit (level 500) for an additional \$79 fee. You must register for the credit directly with UAA. Please see our website for registration directions.

### 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](mailto:courses@akgeo.org) or by calling (907) 683-6432.