

ABOUT NCOAE

The National Center for Outdoor & Adventure Education (NCOAE) promotes outdoor adventures and educational experience through authentic learning, personal growth, technical skills, and stewardship.

We believe people create positive and profoundly empowering experiences when they intentionally engage in unique educational settings.

From North Carolina to Alaska to the high Himalayas to Patagonia, NCOAE is the values-based outdoor and adventure education provider for teens and adults interested in personal growth and professional development.

ABOUT EDUCATION WITHOUT WALLS

Education Without Walls (EWW) is a year-round adventure education program offered by The National Center for Outdoor & Adventure Education (NCOAE) for highly motivated and ambitious youth who have significant financial need. The wilderness, as a classroom, offers and exceptional learning environment, where instructors foster curiosity, students apply critical thinking, and amazing memories are made.

EWW instructors teach the nationally recognized NCOAE Core Curriculum, which has been proven to develop interpersonal skills such as decision making, critical thinking, and leadership while teaching students environmental sciences and outdoor technical skills.



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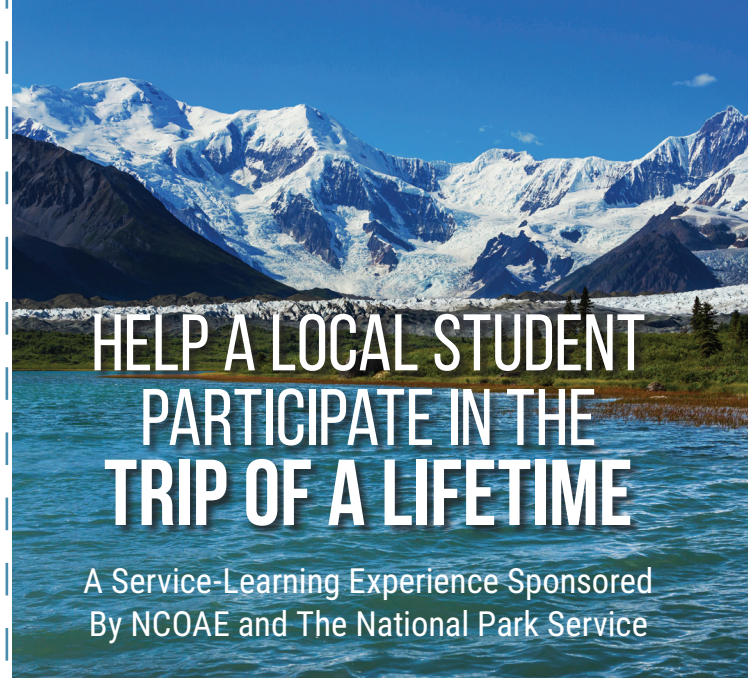
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HELP A LOCAL STUDENT PARTICIPATE IN THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME

A Service-Learning Experience Sponsored By NCOAE and The National Park Service



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A TRIP OF A LIFETIME

About the students your donation will support:

- ▶ **10 kids from Wilmington are headed to the Alaskan backcountry**
- ▶ **5 boys and 5 girls, guided by 3 NCOAE instructors and 2 NPS staff**
- ▶ **2 sets of siblings will be going**
- ▶ **An ethnically diverse group of students**
- ▶ **Some were once homeless and some still are**
- ▶ **All live at or below the Federal Poverty Level**
- ▶ **The group has 570 collective days in the field with NCOAE**
- ▶ **5 have participated in EWW programming for 5+ years**
- ▶ **2 will graduate high school in 2017**
- ▶ **All 10 have completed at least one 16-day backcountry expedition with NCOAE**

One of them needs your help to make it to Wrangle-St. Elias National Park & Preserve!

WHY ALASKA? WHY NOW?

Recently, The National Center for Outdoor & Adventure Education sought and received a \$25,000 National Park Service Challenge Cost Share Program Grant for sending select Education Without Walls students on a *trip of a lifetime* to Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve.

There, 10 motivated and positive youth will work alongside an NPS archaeologist to restore significant sites within the Chititu Historic Mining Landscape — an area where structures and features have been degraded by the encroaching forest and harsh weather, and have not received maintenance in years.

In addition, the 10 participating students — all of whom are committed to personal and academic goals — will continue to learn about themselves and what they're capable of accomplishing with proper planning and follow-thru.

WHAT'S MISSING? HOW YOU CAN HELP

The only cost remaining for each of the 10 students is the cost of travel (from Wilmington, N.C.) to and from Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve in Southeastern Alaska.

To make a tax-deductible donation, just use the form on the back of this brochure.

ADVENTURE FIRST.

Wilderness is for everyone

Many students who flounder in the classroom flourish in the wilderness. These are the students who learn best by doing and achieve most by applying their knowledge and skills to real-life settings and situations.

The National Center for Outdoor & Adventure Education's Education Without Walls program provides these learning opportunities and environments. By guiding 10 deserving local youth on a *trip of a lifetime* to Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve in Southeast Alaska, we will continue to:

- ▶ *Prepare local students with the self-reliance and skills necessary to safely travel in the backcountry, as well as to transfer the learning and outcomes from the Alaskan experience to daily life back home.*
- ▶ *Help students develop effectual communication skills, understand the importance of making positive personal choices, and guide them on the path to becoming active and influential members of their community.*

EDUCATION ALWAYS.

Year-round and everywhere

Education Without Walls (EWW) — a year-round program — is designed to help youth improve their understanding and practice of environmental stewardship, civic responsibility, decision making, interpersonal communication, leadership abilities, and outdoor technical skills.

Many of the students participating in the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve trip will qualify to apply to receive high school credit for Environmental Studies, Physical Education, and Outdoor Leadership.

Students who participate in Education Without Walls programming exhibit positive academic growth:

- ▶ **81% improved or maintained the percentage of classes passed**
- ▶ **97% were successfully promoted to the next grade**
- ▶ **78% report an increase in levels of self-actualization**
- ▶ **Graduation rates are 20% above that experienced by non-participating students**

JULY 2017 ALASKA EXPEDITION

Itinerary At-A-Glance:

- ▶ **Day 1: Fly from Wilmington, N.C., to Anchorage, AK**
— Drive to Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve.
- ▶ **Days 2-5: Prep day** — Prepare food and gear, finalize route and expedition planning, complete bear safety training, finalize work plans with National Park Service archeologist.
- ▶ **Day 6: Bush flight** — From McCarthy to May Creek, and then onto setting up camp in Wrangell St. Elias National Park and Preserve.
- ▶ **Days 7-14: Backpacking and trail maintenance**
— Along with day hikes and treks, the team will work at Chititu Camp to remove and replace deteriorated bear fences, as well as address trail brush and replace deteriorated water-bars, and expose trail heads and branch routes. Approximately 6 miles of trail work will be completed in all.
- ▶ **Days 15-19: Archeological restoration work**
— Working aside a Wrangell St. Elias National Park and Preserve archeologist, the team will work to restore the entire Chititu Historic Mining Landscape, which includes removing brush and growth, and exposing archeological landscapes found in the rock at the Chititu Camp.
- ▶ **Day 20: Bush flight** — From Chititu Camp to McCarthy, followed by a drive to Anchorage.
- ▶ **Day 21: Fly from Anchorage, AK to Wilmington, N.C.**

A CULTURAL LANDSCAPE IN NEED OF RESTORATION

The Chititu Camp Historic Cultural Landscape contains 30+ structures and features that exemplify the domestic and industrial culture of a mid-20th Century mining camp. Additional structures and features dot the trail between May Creek and the camp. Chititu Camp itself has become seriously overgrown, while the same is true for the structures along the trail.