



Teen Leadership Expedition Alaska

BACKPACKING 12-DAY

TRIP COST: \$2,775

AGES: 15-17

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS:

- ▶ Backpacking & Camping
- ▶ Backcountry Navigation skills
- ▶ Leave No Trace (LNT) training
- ▶ Teambuilding & Outdoor Leadership
- ▶ Explore America's largest National Park

WHY TAKE THIS COURSE?

- ▶ Gain backpacking, camping, navigation, and backcountry cooking skills
- ▶ Challenge yourself in new and rewarding ways
- ▶ Gain the skills necessary to explore the wilderness

WHERE YOU'LL BE:

- ▶ Chugach National Forest
- ▶ Wrangell-St. Elias National Park
- ▶ Anchorage, AK

TRIP INCLUDES:

- ▶ All lodging and transportation during the trip
- ▶ Equipment for all activities
- ▶ Up to two (2) dedicated NCOAE Field Instructors
- ▶ All meals, admissions, and gratuities
- ▶ Shuttle from/to Anchorage, AK (ANC) airport

** NCOAE recommends students bring a small amount of spending money for extra snacks and souvenirs.*

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** Flights to/from destinations not included in tuition.
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ALASKA – TEEN LEADERSHIP EXPEDITION BACKPACKING

The setting for this adventure is the Chugach National Forest & Wrangell-St. Elias National Park – America’s largest national park. Learn the basics of backpacking and wilderness travel, as you explore cool glacial streams and soaring peaks.

- ▶ **Day 1: After a morning airport pickup, we’ll drive to our basecamp in south central Alaska.** You’ll meet the other participants, then begin with an orientation, teambuilding, expedition planning, and outdoor skills activities.
- ▶ **Days 2 – 3: Chugach National Forest Backpacking.** The real fun begins when your group hits the trail! Learn about campsite setup, water purification, backcountry cooking, Leave No Trace, knots, and more. Then, enjoy dinner and s’mores before lights out after our first day of expeditionary travel. Explore the backcountry, discovering lakes, dense forests, and alpine meadows.
- ▶ **Day 4: Re-supply.** Head into town for ice cream & explore local attractions. Spend time relaxing and preparing for the next leg of your course.
- ▶ **Days 5 – 10: Trekking Wrangell-St. Elias.** Enjoy breathtaking views of the Wrangell, Mentasta, and Nutzotin Mountains, as you travel through an iconic Alaskan landscape. It’s during these days you’ll hone your outdoor skills and newfound leadership style. The landscape and wildlife will provide a dramatic canvas for your learning experience. You may see moose, lynx, bears, Dall sheep and other wildlife during your trek.
- ▶ **Day 11: After a hearty breakfast, you’ll hike a short distance to the trailhead.** After leaving the trail, your group will return to the NCOAE’s basecamp to clean-up, then enjoy dinner, showers, a campfire, and lawn games.
- ▶ **Day 12: Closing Circle and departure.** We’ll come together one last time to celebrate our individual and group accomplishments during a one-of-a-kind closing circle. Then, after good-byes depart Anchorage, AK for home.