

ALASKA

Teen Adventure Summer Camp 14-Day Backpacking Expedition

DATES: JULY 13 – 26, 2026

TUITION: \$4,695

AGES: 15 – 17

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS:

- ▶ Outdoor Leadership Certification
- ▶ Leave No Trace (LNT) training
- ▶ Backpacking & Camping
- ▶ Backcountry Navigation skills

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.
For complete itinerary
details, see reverse side.



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ALASKA – Teen Leadership Expedition: Backpacking

The setting for this adventure is the Chugach National Forest – America’s second largest national forest. Learn the basics of backpacking and wilderness travel, as you explore cool glacial streams and soaring peaks.

- ▶ **Days 1 – 3: Chugach National Forest — Basecamp.** Begin your journey with a morning airport pickup, followed by a scenic drive to our basecamp in South Central Alaska. Get acquainted with fellow participants as we kick off our focus on community and personal growth. Over the next two days, we’ll learn principles of Outdoor Leadership and how to apply them on the trail. Familiarize yourself with expedition equipment and immerse yourself in the expedition mentality.
- ▶ **Day 4: Chugach National Forest — Basecamp.** Participants will be immersed in the NCOAE Educational Framework through comprehensive instruction and delivery of curriculum spanning Leadership and Community, Environmental Stewardship, Outdoor Technical Skills, and Risk Management.
- ▶ **Days 5 – 12: South Central Alaska Backpacking Expedition.** Dive deep into leadership development, technical skills, environmental stewardship, and risk management throughout the expedition. Gain conscious competence by applying outdoor leadership theories to real-life scenarios in the stunning Alaskan wilderness, where you may see moose, lynx, bears, Dall sheep, and other wildlife.

Participants will be introduced to NCOAE’s Educator’s Handbook focusing on primarily on our basic field curriculum. Students will learn necessary skills to camp and travel comfortably in the backcountry in order to advance their ability to develop a personal connection to the natural world. These skills include: basic camp craft, navigation and map reading, self-care in changing environments, and expedition mentality (teamwork, group dynamics, cooking, etc.).

- ▶ **Day 13: Chugach National Forest — Basecamp.** Return to basecamp after your trail adventure. Unpack, clean, and repair equipment, then enjoy a memorable graduation dinner and one-of-a-kind closing ceremony.
- ▶ **Day 14: Closing circle and departure.** We will conclude your journey with a final group breakfast. Then, you will pack your belongings and depart for your journey home, carrying with you newfound skills and unforgettable memories.