

TRAILSIDE DISCOVERY CAMP 2023

SUMMER PROGRAMS GUIDE



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Dear Trailside Families,

We are honored to operate camps across the lands of the Dena’ina and Ahtna peoples. We are grateful for the thousands of years of stewardship by Indigenous people, allowing our staff and campers to enjoy Alaska’s beautiful lands, waters, and wildlife.

For those of you who haven’t seen me out at Camp, my name is Cindy Tapia Ruiz. I have been the Deputy Director for the past 3 years and am so excited to serve our families in a new capacity, a Camp Director. Vicki Long-Leather our previous director has stepped into a new role as the Co-Executive Director along with Chantal De Alacruz of the Alaska Center/Alaska Center Education Fund.

Looking ahead to summer 2023, I am thankful to have the opportunity to continue to develop more access to the outdoors for all children to foster excitement for outdoor adventures and develop an active, healthy lifestyle and stewardship values they will carry into adulthood.

For 2023 you will see the following:

- **Year-Round Programming: Spring Break, Winter Break & School holidays/ teacher in-service days**
- **Summer sessions at multiple locations:** Kincaid Bunker, Ruth Arcand Park, Russian Jack Area, Eagle River Chugiak - Beach Lake Chalet, Palmer- Matanuska Lakes and Recreation area
- **New programs:** Throughout this brochure, you will find brief descriptions of each program. All our programs are outdoors, intentionally immersing campers in nature to instill an appreciation for our beautiful lands. This year, we ramped up our Environmental Education Programming with hands-on, exploration-based learning activities.

What to expect at camp?

A typical day at camp:
7:30-9:30 am: Drop off & relaxed morning activities
9:30-10:00 am: Welcome, daily schedule review & opening activity
10:00-10:30 am: Snack time, sunscreen & bathroom break
10:30 am-12:00 pm: Adventure activities
12:00-12:30 pm: Lunch time & reflection
12:30-3:45 pm: Afternoon Adventure activities
3:45-5:30 pm: Pick up & camper choice activities

Our dedicated staff of students and teaching professionals balance learning with fun, traditional camp elements. We have made some changes to our curriculum structure this year and are so excited to share them with you! Trailside Discovery Camp is committed to packing each week of the summer with outdoor exploration. Check out our session descriptions and find the best adventure for your child.

We look forward to meeting all of our campers this summer, new and returning, and we can't wait to make new memories as we enjoy adventures with you all.

See you on the trails,



Cindy Tapia Ruiz

AGES 4–5 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Description: Join our compassionate and energetic staff to explore the outdoors through various hands-on and sensory activities. Campers ages four to five will learn more about their role in the outdoors while strengthening their social skills! **These programs run Monday-Friday, drop-off starts at 7:30 am, and pick-up concludes at 5:30 pm. (Main session runs between 9 am-3:45 pm). \$345 per week or pro-rated for 4 day weeks.**

Snowy Owlets

- Camouflage yourself just like other Alaskan animals
- Search for migrating birds outside.
- Be a bird: build your own nest and decorate your wings!

Rock Stars

- Paint a treasure chest and collect bounty to fill it with
- Examine rocks up close and learn what types of stones are around you.
- Rock out with instruments built from rocks!

Super Seedlings

- Discover how plants grow from seeds to fruit.
- Grow your own plant and decorate its tiny pot home.
- Build your magical forest with natural objects and playdough.

Midnight Sun Magic

- Choreograph your own Solstice dance.
- Learn all about Arctic Light and Arctic Nights.
- Use the sun's ultraviolet light to create sun prints.

Little Saplings

- Take a nature walk and create journey sticks to remember your adventure.
- Learn what different trees smell and feel like.
- Build your own tree for the whole camp to enjoy.

Under the Sea

- Identify and decorate seashells from the Pacific Ocean.
- Paint fish that live deep under the sea using glow-in-the-dark paint.
- Sing the baby beluga song and learn about Alaskan sea creatures.

Buzzy Bees

- Play pollination tag to understand the role of bees in our environment.
- Learn about symmetry during a butterfly painting project.
- Act out your favorite insects during a guided game of charades.

Knock, Knock, Hooo's There

- Learn about Alaskan birds & build your own pine cone bird feeder.
- Discover why different birds have different beaks.
- Listen to Alaskan bird calls and replicate them in a game of 'Hoo's There?'

Puddle Jumpers

- Become a detective to figure out how puddles form, then jump in some puddles!
- Create clouds and make it rain in a fun arts and craft project.
- Video record live weather reports throughout the week.

Bear Cubs

- Learn about how bears build dens and build a mini den of your own.
- Create tasty teddy bear toast.
- Live like a squirrel and play Acorn Hide and Seek.

Salmon Snoopers

- Paint the five types of salmon.
- Create a salmon picture book and read it to your friends.
- Print fish t-shirts to bring home.

Berry Bonanza

- Forage for edible berries and make a field guide.
- Make your jam from the fruit you forage.
- Play 'Berries or Bust' and learn about hibernation.



AGES 6–7 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Description: Join our enthusiastic instructors in our day programs, focused on many different environmental concepts. Your camper will participate in hands-on learning, activities, and games that encourage positive interactions with each other and the environment.

These programs run Monday-Friday, drop-off starts at 7:30 am, and pick-up concludes at 5:30 pm. (Main session runs between 9 am-3:45 pm). \$345 per week or pro-rated for 4 day weeks.

Fire & Ice

- Use your kinetic energy to make ice cream.
- Become a forest fire expert through a game of ‘Forest Fire.’
- Compete in a contest to see who can keep a glacier frozen the longest.

Jewels & Gems

- Hunt for treasure and find different rock shapes, colors, and textures.
- Grow your own crystals to understand how jewels form in nature.
- Eat rocks! Enjoy edible crystals snacks.

Creativity Blooms

- Print tote bags from your favorite leaves
- Craft a wooden necklace and use the tree rings to determine the age of your jewelry.
- Walk through the woods and make a wildflower bouquet.

Dancing in the Daylight

- Dance around in a sunny field to a solstice-themed playlist.
- Use the sun’s ultraviolet light to create sun prints.
- EXPERIMENT! Disinfect water using the power of the sun.

Roots & Shoots

- Make snacks from roots to shoots
- Grow your own plant buddy.
- Play Plant Bingo and learn about the forest.

Creatures of the Deep

- Model your own hydrothermal vent ecosystem.
- Make friends with Alvin, a deep-sea scientific robot.
- Create your paper anglerfish and learn about how organisms survive with no light.



Slugs & Slime

- Go on a bug hunt.
- Make magic slime and learn about the importance of slimy slugs in our ecosystem.
- Build a composting bin complete with wiggly worms.

Duckling Detectives

- Sleuth around with a magnifying glass for clues about birds’ habits.
- Explore the world of birds and track your findings like a real ornithologist.
- Make a birdhouse!

Wacky Weather

- Make clouds you can share with friends.
- Create a tornado in a bottle.
- Build and fly a kite!

Moose Mania

- Make antler headbands and learn how moose survive the winter.
- Get your copy of Moose in May and read it with your herd.
- Create an arctic animal food chain.

Jammin with Salmon

- Make a salmon picture book to read to friends.
- Dance and sing to ‘The Salmon Song.’
- Paint the five types of salmon.

Farm to Feast

- Gather berries and make jam.
- Track your snacks on a world map.
- Get your legs moving for a ‘Can it Compost’ Relay Race.



AGES 8–10 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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Waterfalls & Watercolors

- Hike to Thunderbird Falls to learn about the power of waterfalls!
- Paint a landscape scene.
- Make artwork to express the seasons.

Ready to Rumble

- Learn from a real geologist.
- Compare rocks and minerals.
- Explode a paper mache volcano!

Branching Out

- Discover different soil types and make soil crayons.
- Identify tree species in our area.
- Be an Alien Scientist and learn about the earth’s biodiversity.

Solar Scientists

- Build a solar-powered robot.
- Create a sundial and tell time using the sun.
- Disinfect water using the power of the sun.

Wildfires & Wildflowers

- Create a wildflower arrangement to bring home.
- Learn how wildflowers reshape ecosystems after wildfires.
- Visit the Fire Department to learn about wildfire management.

Captivating Caterpillars

- Demonstrate metamorphosis with a piece of artwork.
- Go on a bug hunt to identify different types of insects.
- Snap photos of insects in the wild.

Alaskan Aviators

- Discover the role of flight in Alaska’s history at the Aviation Museum.
- Learn about different models of planes and design your own for a competition.
- Hang out with a real Alaskan pilot

Conservation Nation

- Take a field trip to learn about native animals and local conservation efforts.
- Create Alaskan animal puppets and put on a puppet show for younger campers.
- Make posters to help protect your favorite Alaskan animal species.

TDC Junior Chef

- Collect blueberries and make jam to bring home.
- Practice Leave No Trace principles while cooking lunch together on a hike.
- Compete in a Chopped-style cooking competition.

Treetop Trekkers

- Compete in a forest succession board game.
- Learn how to navigate with a compass during an obstacle course.
- Take a trek in the Chugach Mountains.



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Tidal Explorers

- Learn about how dunes are formed and participate in a sand art project.
- Identify types of sea shells and create shell necklaces.
- Test gravitational forces using water to understand tides.

Wetland Wonders

- Model the importance of wetlands in a hands-on experiment.
- Search for migrating birds in a marsh.
- Design a wildlife wetland diorama.

Salmon Scientists

- Play ‘Swim Upstream’ and learn the salmon life cycle.
- Take a trip to a fish hatchery to learn about stabilizing wild fish populations.
- Read stories from Indigenous Alaskans about the importance of healthy salmon runs.

Icicles & Bicycles

- Make your own shaved ice treat!
- Take in the changing season on bike rides.
- Illustrate how spring melt leads to roaring rivers.

Rockin’ Riders

- Identify types of rocks while biking on trails.
- Bust open a geode and discover how they form.
- Take a biking field trip to Eklutna to understand its unique geology.

Aquatic Anglers

- Use sieves to identify macroinvertebrates in the mud.
- Take a trip to a local fish hatchery.
- Learn about fishing methods and go lake fishing!



AGES 8–10 HIGH ADVENTURE PROGRAMS

Description: Learn, Practice, Explore! Our High Adventure Programs increase your outdoor survival & recreation skills. Get to know the lakes and trails of Anchorage through biking, boating, archery, and other outdoor adventures. **These programs run Monday-Friday, drop-off starts at 7:30 am, and pick-up concludes at 5:30 pm. (Main session runs between 9 am-3:45 pm). Prices start from \$375 per week (see Grid)**

Backcountry Bikers

- Note: While prior single-track riding experience is not required, this program is for kids that are already confident on a bike and excited to go mountain biking.
- Take part in a workshop about bike maintenance and repair.
 - Explore local single-track mountain biking trails.
 - Improve single-track trails during a trail maintenance project.

Fire Away

- Learn archery skills and safety at a local archery range.
- Meet a wildfire professional.
- Give it your best shot in an archery competition!



AGES 8–10 HIGH ADVENTURE (2 WEEK) PROGRAMS

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Tectonic Titans

- Learn paddling skills and techniques.
- Practice landscape photography.
- Design a volcano to explode.

Walking on Sunshine

- Practice landscape photography on a hike.
- Grow algae in a jar and see how sunlight affects growth.
- Gain confidence in paddling skills.

Waterways & Woodland Days

- Play a tag game that explains how trees survive the winter.
- Test the water quality of the lakes you boat in.
- Use nets to discover what lives in an aquatic ecosystem.

AK Survival

- Practice archery skills and learn about subsistence uses of the sport.
- Take part in a wilderness first aid workshop.
- Practice your teamwork skills while building a shelter.

Marine Magic

- Visit the Sea Life Center in Seward and enjoy a camping trip!
- Practice your paddling skills and search for wildlife.
- Take photos and design a picture frame for your favorite.

Wilderness Explorers

- Explore trails, lakes, and mountains!
- Practice survival knowledge during a wilderness scavenger hunt.
- Race to complete an orienteering obstacle course.

AGES 10+ ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Description: Our knowledgeable staff is excited to lead campers through various programs connecting them to their natural environment through creative activities, team-building games, and hands-on lessons. We aim to encourage a deeper connection to the Alaskan environment and lifelong learning.
These programs run Monday-Friday, drop-off starts at 7:30 am, and pick-up concludes at 5:30 pm. (Main session runs between 9 am-3:45 pm). \$345 per week.

Climate Scientists

- Study the nutrient content of different soil types.
- Model the effects of melting permafrost during an experiment.
- Play a game of Polar Bear Freeze.

Geode Geniuses

- Grow crystal structures by making sugar candy.
- Make your own seismograph and test it by simulating an earthquake.
- Go on a hiking field trip to see silt in a river.

Energy Einsteins

- Wire a moving robot.
- Create energy using the power of the water current.
- Compete in a marble roller coaster competition.

Naturalists in Training (12+)

- Discuss the work naturalists do and gain skills to become one.
- Take part in hands-on activities to understand the natural world.
- Teach lessons and activities to younger campers.

Lead the Way

- Discuss what makes a great leader while taking on a challenging hike.
- Compete in a challenge where leadership and communication skills are essential.
- Lead younger campers in a hands-on Leave No Trace principles lesson.

Arctic Artists

- Create a splatter painting inspired by fungal networks in the tundra.
- Sketch your surroundings, then make your art come to life on canvas.
- Take apart a camera to understand overexposure.

Forest Foragers

- Go on a forest hike and play edible plant bingo.
- Enjoy a berry-picking field trip, then make jam.
- Grow mushrooms and learn mushroom recipes!

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Capture Alaska

- Paddle out on the lake to capture reflections on camera.
- Learn about slow camera exposure during a waterfall field trip.
- Decorate a frame for your favorite photo from the week.

Boreal Bikers

- Go on a field trip to bike in a boreal forest.
- Create a bike tire track-inspired art piece.
- Model the effects of melting permafrost during an experiment.

Oceans Alive

- Gain skills in paddling and rowing!
- Learn about bycatch during a commercial fishing game.
- Design a microscopic sea critter for a plankton race.



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Trail Riders Xtreme

Note: While prior single-track riding experience is not required, this program is for kids that are already confident on a bike and excited to go mountain biking.

- Increase your biking skills on single tracks.
- Work together during a trail maintenance project.
- Learn essential bicycle maintenance and repair.

Bull’s Eye

- Gain archery and safety skills at a local range.
- Learn about subsistence hunting, fishing, and foraging.
- Try to hit the bull’s eye in an archery competition!

Happy Hikers

- Create a 3D art piece about the Alaska Range.
- Learn the first aid skills necessary to survive in the backcountry.
- Hike out and enjoy a picnic with views on a field trip.

Fishing Frenzy

- Hook bait and cast a line while fishing in a local lake.
- Visit a fish hatchery to learn about how fish in lakes get stocked!
- Work together to compete in a game of boating basketball.

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Glacier Getaway

- Learn watercraft safety and practice your boating skills.
- Discover how glaciers move during hands-on experiments.
- Go on an overnight trip to see a glacier!

Midsummer Mountaineers

- Challenge yourself to summit a mountain.
- Take in the surrounding peaks on a bike ride at Eklutna.
- Model the solar system to explain why Alaska is home to the midnight sun.

TDC Olympians

- Try for a TDC Olympic medal during a competitive kayak race.
- Practice aim and accuracy in archery and disc golf competitions.
- Bike the entire Bird to Gird bike path in a single day.

Tours of the Great Outdoors

- Spend a day biking along the scenic Coastal Trail.
- Take a trip to Glen Alps to summit Little O’Malley.
- Take pictures of all of your adventures and create a scrapbook!

Biking for a Better World

- Bike around our local parks during a trash clean up.
- Design a civic action project to help keep our parks clean.
- Go on a scenic biking field trip and take polaroids.

Paddling Through the Past

- Take a trip to the Alaska Native Heritage Center.
- Practice paddling and rowing on a nearby lake!
- Learn about Alaska’s history of whaling and create a marine life collage.

Sustainability Stewards

- Go camping with youth from our organization’s teen program, Alaska Youth for Environmental Action (AYEA).
- Work with AYEAs to complete an environmental stewardship project.
- Learn about subsistence fishing, then go boating and fishing in a local lake!

	Trailside Discovery Camp Summer 2023 Programs													
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Theme	Ice	Geology	Plants	Forest	Solstice	Water	Bugs	Birds	Air	Mammals	Salmon	Harvest		
Ages 4-5	Snowy Owlets \$207	Rock Stars \$276	Super Seedlings	Little Saplings	Midnight Sun Magic	Under the Sea	Buzzy Bees \$207	Knock, Knock, Hooo's There?	Puddle Jumpers	Bear Cubs	Salmon Snoopers	Berry Bonanza		
Ages 6-7	Fire & Ice \$207	Jewels & Gems \$276	Creativity Blooms	Roots & Shoots	Dancing in the Daylight	Creatures of the Deep	Slugs & Slime \$207	Duckling Detectives	Wacky Weather	Moose Mania	Jammin' with Salmon	Farm to Feast		
Ages 8-10 EE/Hybrid	Waterfalls & Watercolors 🏞️ \$226	Ready to Rumble \$276	Branching Out	Wildfires & Wildflowers 🌲 \$365	Solar Scientists	Tidal Explorers🌊 \$375	Captivating Caterpillars 🐛 \$216	Wetland Wonders 🌿 \$375	Alaskan Aviators	Conservation Nation	Salmon Scientists 🌊🐟 \$375	TDC Junior Chef 🍳 \$360		
Ages 8-10 HA	Icicles & Bicycles ❄️ \$235	Rockin' Riders 🏍️ \$310		Aquatic Anglers🐟🌊 \$375	Treetop Trekkers 🌲 \$365		Fire Away 🔥🌿 \$225	Treetop Trekkers 🌲 \$365	Fire Away 🔥🌿 \$375			Backcountry Bikers 🏍️ \$375		
Ages 10-14 EE/Hybrid	Climate Scientists \$207	Geode Geniuses 🌋 \$302	Capture Alaska 🏞️🌊 \$360	Energy Einsteins	Boreal Bikers 🏍️ \$375	Oceans Alive 🌊🌿 \$375	Naturalists in Training (12+) \$207		Lead the Way 🌋 \$365	Arctic Artists 🏞️ \$360	Fishing Frenzy 🐟🌊🌿 \$375	Forest Foragers 🌲 \$360		
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2 Week 8-10 Hybrid	Tectonic Titans 🌋🌊 \$545		Walking on Sunshine 🌊🌲 \$750		Waterways & Woodland Days 🌊🌲 \$750		AK Survival 🏞️🌿 \$675		Marine Magic 🌊🏞️ \$775		Wilderness Explorers 🌲🌋 \$750			
2 Week 10-14 Hybrid	Glacier Getaway 🌊🌋 \$570		Midsummer Mountaineers 🏞️🌲 \$750		TDC Olympians 🌊🌋 \$750		Tours of the Great Outdoors 🌲🌋🏞️ \$675		Biking for a Better World 🏍️ \$750		Sustainability Stewards 🌊🌋🌊🌲(12+) \$775 (2 night trip)			
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AQ I 8-10			AQ I: Portage Camping (1 night) \$430							Matanuska Glacier Camping (1 night) \$430				
AQ II 10-12					AQ II: Kenai Fjords National Park Camping (3 nights) \$920		AQ II: Denali National Park Camping (3 nights) \$900							
AQ III 12-14			AQ III Crescent Lake Backpacking (4 nights) \$920		AQ III: Kachemak Bay State Park Kayaking (4 nights) \$920				AQ III: Hope & Kenai Fishing (3 nights) \$920					
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8-10/10-14 Alternating	Arctic Artists 🏞️ (10-14) \$226	Oceans Alive🌊🌿 (10-14) \$310	Wetland Wonders 🌿(8-10) \$375	Treetop Trekkers 🌲(8-10) \$365	Boreal Bikers 🏍️(10-14) \$375	Fishing Frenzy🐟🌊🌿 (10-14) \$375	Rockin' Riders 🏍️(8-10) \$235	TDC Junior Chef 🍳(8-10) \$360	Lead the Way 🌋(10-14) \$365	Capture Alaska 🏞️🌊(10-14) \$375	Boreal Bikers 🏍️(8-10) \$375	Salmon Scientists🌲🌊🌿(8-10) \$375		
Ages 10-14	Climate Scientists \$207	Geode Geniuses 🌋 \$302	Capture Alaska 🏞️🌊 \$375	Bull's Eye 🐮🌿 \$375	Forest Foragers 🌲 \$360	Trail Riders Xtreme 🏍️ \$375	Naturalists in Training \$207	Energy Einsteins	Trail Riders Xtreme 🏍️ \$375	Arctic Artists 🏞️ \$360	Oceans Alive 🌊🌿 \$375	Lead the Way 🌋 \$365		
2 Week Alternating	Tectonic Titans 🌋🌊(8-10) \$545		Midsummer Mountaineers 🏞️🌲(10-14) \$750		Waterways & Woodland Days 🌊🌲(8-10) \$750		Tours of the Great Outdoors 🌲🌋🌊(10-14) \$675		Marine Magic 🌊🏞️(8-10) \$775		Paddling Through the Past 🏍️(10-14) \$750			
	Eagle River - Beach Lake Chalet, <i>Dena'ina Lands</i> - Programs are \$345 unless listed otherwise				Eagle River - Beach Lake Chalet, <i>Dena'ina Lands</i> - Programs are \$345 unless listed otherwise									
Ages	May 24th - 26th 3 days	Week 2: May 30th - June 2nd 4 days	Week 3: June 5th - 9th	Week 4: June 12th - 16th	Week 5: June 19th - 23rd	Week 6: June 26th - 30th	Week 7: July 5th - July 7th (3 day)	Week 8: July 10th - 14th	Week 9: July 17th - 21st	Week 10: July 24th - 28th				
Theme	Ice	Geology	Plants	Forest	Solstice	Water	Bugs	Birds	Air	Mammals				
Ages 5-7	Fire & Ice \$207	Jewels & Gems \$276	Creativity Blooms	Roots & Shoots	Dancing in the Daylight	Creatures of the Deep	Slugs & Slime \$207	Duckling Detectives	Wacky Weather	Moose Mania				
Double 5-7 or 8-10	Fire & Ice 2 (5-7) \$207	Ready to Rumble (8-10) \$276	Creativity Blooms 2 (5-7)	Wildfires & Wildflowers 🌲 (8-10) \$365	Dancing in the Daylight 2 (5-7)	Creatures of the Deep 2 (5-7)	Captivating Caterpillars 🐛 (8-10) \$226	Duckling Detectives 2 (5-7)	Alaskan Aviators (8-10)	Conservation Nation (8-10)				
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Ages 8-10				Branching Out	Tidal Explorers 🌊 \$375	Wildfires & Wildflowers 🌲 \$360	Aquatic Anglers🐟🌊 \$375			Wetland Wonders 🌿 \$375	Backcountry Bikers 🏍️ \$375			
Ages 10-14				Energy Einsteins	Oceans Alive🌊🌿 \$375	Boreal Bikers 🏍️ \$375	Naturalists in Training			Capture Alaska 🏞️🌊 \$375	Lead the Way 🌋 \$365			

ALASKA QUEST TRIPS: KINCAID PARK BUNKER

Description: Our Alaska Quest Trips are for campers who are ready to expand their backcountry camping skills and push themselves in a safe and fun environment. After a week of day camp, team building, gear prep, and skill practice, campers will head out with our trained and skilled staff on an unforgettable adventure in Alaska’s incredible wilderness! Trips programs will take place at and leave out of Kincaid Park & Bunker.

AQI Ages 8-9

Intro to Camping in Portage Valley: June 12th to June 16th (\$430)

This week-long program focuses on camping skills, leadership, and outdoor exploration! In this program, campers will work as a team Monday through Wednesday to prepare for their camping trip on a normal day camp schedule. In these first few days, they will gain skills in outdoor cooking, setting up camp, building a campfire, and safety in the outdoors. Then, they will leave Thursday morning to spend one night at Williwaw Campground in Portage Valley. On the trip, campers will explore the Begich Boggs Visitor Center and go on a hike to see a glacier up close! They will also test their new camping skills while making memories to last a lifetime. The trip will return Friday afternoon to unpack.

Difficulty: Beginner - No previous experience necessary. Campers will learn the skills needed but must be able to spend a night away from home without their caretakers.

Exploring Matanuska Glacier: July 24th to July 28th (\$430)

This week-long program focuses on camping skills, leadership, and outdoor exploration! In this program, campers will work as a team Monday through Wednesday to prepare for their camping trip on a normal day camp schedule. In these first few days, they will gain skills in outdoor cooking, setting up camp, building a campfire, and safety in the outdoors. Then, campers will leave Thursday morning and head to Matanuska Glacier for a guided hike on the ice. Thursday night campers will explore the camp and put new camp skills to work, all while making new friends and gaining confidence in the outdoors! The trip will return Friday afternoon to unpack.

Difficulty: Beginner - No previous camping experience needed. Campers will learn the necessary skills but must be comfortable spending a night away from home without their caretakers. Campers must also be competent hikers to learn to hike with crampons on the glacier!

AQII Ages 10-12

Kenai Fjords National Park Camping: June 19th-June 30th (\$920)

This is a two-week-long program focused on learning about and exploring one of America’s most pristine National Parks! Campers will spend the first week of the program in Anchorage, learning about sea life in Alaska and how glaciers have carved the varied landscapes we recreate on today. Campers will help create a meal plan, practice their camp cooking skills, pack group gear, and prep for their trip. The program’s second week includes a four-day, three-night front country camping trip based out of Miller’s Landing in Seward. Campers will go on a full-day marine tour of Kenai Fjords, having the opportunity to see and learn about massive glaciers, seals, sea lions, otters, puffins, whales, and more! Campers will also hike to Exit Glacier and Tonsina Point as day hikes, learn about the natural environment and build bonds with campmates. This program begins June 19th and will be on a normal day camp schedule the first week and Monday of the second week. The trip will depart Tuesday morning (6/27) and return Friday afternoon (6/30).

Difficulty: Intermediate - While campers should have the maturity and independence to spend 3 nights camping away from home, they do not need technical skills or backcountry experience as this will be a front-country trip.

Denali National Park Camping: July 5th to July 14th (\$900)

This is a two-week-long program focused on hiking, camping, and experiencing Denali National Park! The first week of the program will be in Anchorage, learning about the Alaska Range and the history of Denali. Campers will help create a meal plan, practice their camp cooking skills, pack group gear, and prep for their trip. The program’s second week includes a four-day, three-night front country camping trip based out of Savage River Campground within Denali National Park. Campers will hike the Savage Alpine Trail, plan and hike an off-trail hiking route, meet Denali’s sled dogs, visit the Murie Science & Learning Center to learn about what scientists in the park study, and get their Junior Ranger badges while talking with a Park Ranger. This program begins July 5th and will be on a normal day camp schedule the first week and Monday of the second week. The trip will depart Tuesday morning (7/11) and return Friday afternoon (7/14).

Difficulty: Intermediate - While campers should have the maturity and independence to spend 3 nights camping away from home, they do not need technical skills or backcountry experience as this will be a front-country trip.

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AQ III Ages 12-14

Crescent Lake Backpacking: June 5th to June 16th (\$920)

This is a two-week-long program focused on hiking, backpacking, and leadership skills. In this program, you will spend the first week in Anchorage on a normal day camp schedule. Campers will develop backpacking skills, create a meal plan, and pack as a group for their adventure. The second week is a five-day, four-night trip in the Chugach National Forest. Campers will drive to Quartz Creek Campground on Monday to camp, hang out, and rest up for their journey in the backcountry. Tuesday morning, the group will begin their hike up the Crescent Lake Trail to their camp spot at the shore of the lake. Campers will have a full day to explore Crescent Lake, bond with new friends, and practice their backcountry cooking skills on Wednesday. The group will hike back down Thursday morning for one more night at Quartz Creek Campground, and the trip will return early Friday afternoon to unpack.

Difficulty: Advanced - Previous camping and hiking experience required. Campers with previous backpacking experience are encouraged to go on this trip, but motivated individuals without prior backcountry experience will be taught the necessary skills. Campers will need to be able to hike 6 miles with a full pack to make it to camp.

Kachemak Bay State Park Kayaking: July 10th-July 21st (\$920)

This is a two-week-long program focused on sea kayaking, camp skills, and ocean ecology. In this program, campers will spend the first week in Anchorage practicing kayaking, water safety, partner cooperation, creating a meal plan, and packing for their adventure. The program’s second week will be a five-day, four-night trip to Kachemak Bay State Park in Homer, AK. On Monday, campers will take a water taxi across the Homer Spit to camp in Kachemak Bay State Park. Tuesday and Wednesday, capers will explore tidal treasures while kayaking around Sadie Cove and Tutka Bay. A water taxi will pick the group up on Thursday to camp on the Homer Spit for one night before driving back to Anchorage to be picked up Friday afternoon. This program begins Monday, July 10th, on a normal day camp schedule for the first week. It departs Monday (7/17) and returns on Friday afternoon (7/21) to “de-rig” & unpack!

Difficulty: Advanced - Some previous camping & kayaking experience is required. Campers will have a chance to practice paddling techniques but must be able to paddle near the shore in the sea for about 6 miles to explore all that Kachemak Bay has to offer.

Hope & Kenai Fishing: July 24th to August 4th (\$920)

This is a two-week-long program focused on sustainable Alaskan fishing. In this program, campers will spend the first week (7/24 - 7/28) and the following Monday (7/31) at the day camp in Anchorage learning about the different types of Alaskan salmon and fish, how to rig a fishing rod, various fishing techniques, as well as prepping gear & creating a meal plan for the trip. The second week will be a four-day, three-night camping trip (8/1 - 8/4), spending time in Hope & Kenai. Campers will spend Tuesday night in Cooper Landing to wake up early Wednesday for a fishing charter on the Kenai. The group will then move camp to SeaView in Hope for Wednesday and Thursday night, where they can spend time fishing for salmon in Resurrection Creek and bonding with their campmates. The trip will return early Friday afternoon to unpack.

Difficulty: Intermediate+ - Some previous camping experience required, no previous fishing experience necessary. Campers must be okay with camping for three nights, but all fishing skills will be taught during the program.



SUSTAINABILITY STEWARDS: ALASKA YOUTH FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

Sustainability Stewards (July 31st- August 4th)

AYEA teens are invited to join Trailside Discovery Camp's Sustainability Stewards program to bond with peers and get our youth excited about AYEAs mission! For Trailside youth, this is a two-week-long program for campers ages 12+ who will soon be transitioning out of camp and hopefully into AYEAs. AYEAs teens can sign up to join the first week of this program, which includes a two-night camping trip at Eklutna. Participants will reflect on their roles as environmental stewards, design an action project for the following week, and go berry picking to make homemade jam. AYEAs teens can volunteer with Trailside for the second week of this program. This is an excellent opportunity to practice your environmental leadership skills by leading workshops about topics of your choice and helping campers complete their action project. Teens will also get to go boating and fishing this week. Come help inspire the next generation of potential AYEAs members!



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

The application window is Nov 1 - December 15th;
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