

Alaska Conservation Camp

CAMPER REGISTRATION INFO

2014 Summer Sessions



Alaska Department of Fish & Game
Hunter Education Indoor Shooting Range
1501 College Road, Fairbanks, Alaska

Coordinated by the:

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ALASKA CONSERVATION CAMP

~ General Information ~



The mission of the Alaska Conservation Camp is to promote an understanding of Alaska's natural resources and conservation, and to give youth "hands-on" experience in hunting, fishing, and related outdoor skills.

About the Alaska Conservation Camp...

The Alaska Conservation Camp (ACC) is a camp program for youth that focuses on conservation and hands-on learning of hunting, marksmanship, fishing and related outdoor skills. The camp is operated by the Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G), with support from the Outdoor Heritage Foundation of Alaska and the Alaska Interior Marksmanship Committee, and many organizations, businesses, and community volunteers.

ACC is unique among youth camp programs in that professional staff from ADF&G are directly involved with development and operation of the camp. Camp activities include firearms safety, hunter education, wildlife identification, fishing, map & compass, outdoor survival, basic camping skills, wildlife habitat and conservation activities, and more.

Both Basic and Advanced Camps are offered as part of the Alaska Conservation Camp program. Basic Camp is for youth, ages 11-14, and campers go through Alaska's Basic Hunter Education Certification Course as part of camp. Advanced Camp is for youth, ages 12-16, who have already attended Basic Camp (or who have successfully completed Basic Hunter Education) and features more in-depth activities. Both camps include an overnight camping trip. In 2010, a special Winter Camp session was successfully conducted.



The Alaska Conservation Camp is held in Fairbanks, Alaska, and operates out of the ADF&G Hunter Education Indoor Shooting Range and Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge. Some camp activities are conducted at other locations in the Fairbanks area. Each camp session has approximately 30 campers (Advanced Camp is limited to 24). Visit www.alaskaconservationcamp.org for the latest information about the ACC program.

Goals of the Alaska Conservation Camp Program...

1. To foster a lifetime awareness and appreciation of hunting, shooting, fishing, conservation, and related outdoor skills and activities.
2. To increase participation in hunting, shooting, fishing, and related outdoor activities.
3. To develop familiarity with, and appreciation of, the natural environment and natural resource conservation methods.
4. To increase the numbers of youth who successfully complete Alaska's Basic Hunter Education course.
5. To promote independence and increased confidence in the outdoors, and to foster outdoor leadership skills.



For More Information...

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Dear Camper and Parents/Guardians:

The Alaska Conservation Camp is an adventure for young campers and a great place to have fun, learn new skills and meet friends. Campers will experience day hikes and an overnight campout along with shooting, fishing, and many other activities. Please carefully read this letter so you know what to expect. If you have any questions or concerns please let us know as soon as possible in advance of camp so we can assist you.

CAMP SESSIONS FOR 2014

There are three camp sessions offered in the Fairbanks area for summer 2014 including two Basic Camps and one Advanced Camp. Basic Camp is for youth, ages 11-14. Advanced Camp is for youth, ages 12-16, who have already completed Basic Camp or who have successfully completed a state sponsored Basic Hunter Education Certification Course (www.huntereducation.alaska.gov). Campers may sign up for both Basic and Advanced Camp sessions at the time of registration but must meet the prerequisites to attend Advanced Camp. We do accept repeat campers but encourage opportunity for youth new to the program to be able to attend. The three summer sessions will be day camps based in Fairbanks, each with an overnight campout.

CAMP TUITION/COST

Tuition (non-refundable) is \$250.00 per camper, per camp session. Registrations are not confirmed until payment has been received. If you plan to pay the camper tuition with a scholarship or grant, it is best to pay the tuition up front and then get reimbursed for the cost (we can provide you a receipt). We encourage households who could benefit from financial support for their son or daughter to attend camp to contact local outdoor/youth/hunting/fishing/conservation organizations for support. We encourage online registration and payment but if you need to register via the paper registration form and pay, please make sure to make all checks payable to OHFA (Outdoor Heritage Foundation of Alaska, Tax ID #260647775).

CAMP SESSIONS AND SCHEDULE SUMMARY

- BASIC CAMP #1 - June 9-13 (Mon-Fri); ages 11-14; \$250 (Pick-up Hunter Ed Packet before camp!)
- BASIC CAMP #2 - June 16-20 (Mon-Fri); ages 11-14; \$250 (Pick-up Hunter Ed Packet before camp!)
- ADVANCED CAMP - June 23-27 (Mon-Fri); ages 12-16, completed Basic Camp or Hunter Ed; \$250

CAMP SCHEDULE AND DROP-OFF & PICK-UP TIMES

BASIC CAMP SCHEDULE					
DAY	DROP-OFF TIME	CAMP HOURS	PICK-UP TIME	MAKE SURE CAMPERS BRING	COMMENTS
MON	8 to 8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.	5 to 5:15 p.m.	Day Gear & Bag Lunch	Check-in for first day of camp! Please arrive on time!
TUE	8 to 8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.	5 to 5:15 p.m.	Day Gear & Bag Lunch	
WED	8 to 8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.	5 to 5:15 p.m.	Day Gear & Bag Lunch	
THR	8 to 8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m. to Midnight	n/a	Day Gear, Overnight Gear, & Bag Lunch	Overnight Campout
FRI	n/a	Midnight to 5:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m. for BBQ & Graduation	n/a	BBQ and Graduation for campers and families 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The **Advanced Camp** schedule is similar except the overnight is both Wednesday and Thursday nights.

BASIC CAMP AND HUNTER EDUCATION

Incorporated into the Basic Camp is the Alaska Basic Hunter Education Certification Course. **There is a home-study workbook that must be completed before Basic Camp begins. If you register for Basic Camp you need to pick up the Hunter Education Packet (which includes the workbook) and complete the workbook prior to camp.** If the camper **already** has Alaska Basic Hunter Education certification, he does not need to complete the workbook again, but will be expected to go through the hunter education component of camp. The workbook is best completed as a home/family exercise and will require several hours to complete (we estimate 6 to 8 hours). The packets can be picked up at Fish & Game at 1300 College Road at the public information counter during the week (Mon-Fri from 8-5) or at the Fish & Game Indoor Shooting Range at 1501 College Road, during public shooting hours (phone 452-6862 or visit www.aimcomm.org for hours).

CAMP ATTENDANCE AND REGISTRATION

If for any reason your son or daughter will not be able to attend camp as planned, it is very important you let us know as soon as possible (BEFORE camp begins) so we can let another camper have the opportunity. Also, it is understood that campers will attend and fully participate for all camp days and activities unless there is an emergency. **If a registered camper fails to arrive for check-in on the first day of camp, the space may be given to another camper on the wait-list.**

CAMPER UNIFORM

Camp staff members need to be able to identify ACC campers by sight at a distance. Campers will be issued a "camper uniform" which may include items like name tags, hats, and camp T-shirts. Campers need to wear their uniform each day to participate in camp. T-shirts will get dirty during camp and WILL need washing throughout the camp week! ☺

CAMPER SAFETY & WELFARE

Safety is priority number one. Unsafe behavior or actions by any camper during camp is not acceptable. Be aware, that if your camper is unsafe and presents a hazard to the welfare of him or herself, or to others, we will call you to pick up your son or daughter. Unsafe behavior observed by camp staff members will be immediately corrected. Please understand if campers continue to act unsafely after correction, we will have to consider whether we can take them on the overnight campout or permit them to continue with the remainder of camp. We appreciate your help reinforcing safe behavior so everyone remains safe. Please coach your camper on the following themes:

1. Knives are important camping tools, but are not toys. Campers will be advised when knives can be taken out and used. Knives used at any other times will be confiscated and returned after camp. Safety rules will be discussed before knives will be used, and will include keeping a safe distance from other people, cutting away from (rather than toward) yourself, and what to cut.
2. Ropes are for knot tying and other camp uses. They will be needed on the overnight. They are not whips. Any ropes used as whips will be confiscated.
3. Verbal or physical threats toward other campers or camp staff members are completely inappropriate and grounds for immediate dismissal from camp.

Thank you for taking the time to carefully read the information in this registration packet and thank you for your support of the Alaska Conservation Camp program! If you have any questions please contact us as soon as possible by e-mail at camp@aimcomm.org or by phone at 459-7292 (John Wyman) or 459-7231 (Cathie Harms).



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Gear Guide

What to Bring to Camp: A Guide for Campers and Parents of Campers

Although there will be a classroom component to some camp activities, much of the time will be spent outdoors. Temperatures during camp can range from around 40°F to 80°F. Depending on the weather, conditions may be cool, wet and muddy, or hot and dry. Activities will be conducted, regardless of weather. Campers can expect to hike the shoreline of a river or pond, traverse fields, and scout through forest and woodlands. With that in mind, we've prepared a brief guide on what conditions to expect and what to bring to camp. We want campers to have fun and it helps tremendously to wear the right clothing for the conditions!

Things to Bring: (If possible, label items with camper's name)

Clothes for the Day	What you wear to camp each day (Wool/synthetics are better than cotton in wet, cool/cold weather.)
Daypack/Backpack	To carry all your stuff. Should be water/rain resistant at minimum and have decent shoulder straps.
Rain Gear	To keep you dry when it rains.
Jacket/Coat	To keep warm on cool days.
Hiking Boots	Preferably water-proof boots that can get wet and muddy, broke-in before camp! No sandals!
Socks (spare)	A spare pair of good quality (wool or synthetic, not cotton) socks can be a lifesaver.
Bug Repellant	Expect mosquitoes!
Bug Head Net	If the mosquitoes are real bad, a head net can be very handy.
Hat/Cap	Retain heat on cold days, keep dry on rainy days, and protect from sun on sunny days.
Water Bottle	Bring a large-size water bottle and fill it frequently throughout the day (durable and leak proof).
Sun Block	Sun block is advised when spending any time outdoors.
Sun Glasses	Protect your eyes and see better on sunny days (Polarized sun glasses are PERFECT for fishing!)
Knife	Knives need to be folding or have a protective sheath with blade no longer than 4 inches. A practical, reasonably sized utility knife is a valuable tool for fishing, shelter building, cooking, survival, and more. Keep knives sharp and in good working order. ANY unsafe or inappropriate behavior involving a pocketknife is grounds for immediate confiscation.
Medications/Inhalers	IMPORTANT: Bring REQUIRED medications and CHECK IN with Camp Staff upon arrival.

Special Items to Bring for the Overnight Camping Trip:

Sleeping Bag	Bags should be rated for cold-weather camping (down to at least 30 degrees F).
Sleeping/Ground Pad	Ground pads provide cushion and insulation from the cold, hard ground.
Sleeping Clothes	Polar fleece tops and pants work well and make sure you have a warm hat to sleep in.
Personal Items	Toothbrush, toothpaste, toiletries needed for overnight camping trip.
Eyeglasses/Contacts	If camper wears glasses or contacts make sure to bring along with any cases/solutions needed.

Prohibited Items (What Not to Bring!):

Firearms Fireworks Weapons Knives with blades longer than 4 inches Electronic devices of any kind*
Tobacco products Alcohol / Illegal Drugs

* This includes MP3/Music players, CD players, game systems, etc. Watches are permitted.

* Mobile phones are not permitted for use during camp (including for texting, gaming, etc.) except when approved by camp staff for a camper to contact a parent/guardian as needed. Abuse of camp rules regarding prohibited items and use may result in confiscating items during camp hours and return of such items to the camper's parent/guardian at the end of the day/camp hours.

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Terms and Conditions – Acknowledged with Online Registration

LIABILITY / MEDICAL RELEASE

If injured while traveling to or from (by public, private, or any other means of conveyance) or while residing at and participating in programs of the Alaska Conservation Camp (ACC) or any auxiliary facilities, the camper, camper's parent(s), guardian(s), family members, agree:

- (1) to waive any legal claims against the Alaska Conservation Camp program, the Outdoor Heritage Foundation of Alaska, the Alaska Interior Marksmanship Committee, the State of Alaska, and all agents thereof;
- (2) to expressly assume any and all risks associated with the discharge of firearms, hunting, or other outdoor activities;
- (3) to indemnify and hold harmless from and against any and all losses, expense, damages, injuries, and liabilities and claims (including attorney's fees, court costs, and settlement costs) arising out of relating to a camper's, participant's, breach of this Release or any act of omission of participant whatsoever;
- (4) to give consent for the Alaska Conservation Camp to provide medical / athletic training attentions, transportation, and emergency medical services as warranted and if the program includes physiological and /or biomechanical evaluations, further consent is given to these evaluations which pose no unusual risks or hazards when customary safeguards are observed;
- (5) In acknowledging this release, it is sworn that camper, participant is in good physical condition and is not aware of any disease or injury that would result in injury during program participation;
- (6) to abide by the general rules of conduct prescribed for campers, participants, guests of the ACC program and that violations may result in denial of Alaska Conservation Camp privileges, up to and including dismissal from camp without refund of tuition.

If less than 18 years of age or minor under the laws of the state in which you live, parent or legal guardian shall acknowledge this release.

CODE OF CONDUCT – As Camper:

Parents/Guardians: Please review the below information with your camper(s), prior to camp.

As a Camper:

- I will not leave the camp area except with as approved with a camp staff member, parent or guardian.
- I will use the "buddy system" as explained during camp for safety purposes.
- I will not use or possess tobacco products, alcohol, or illegal drugs.
- I will be courteous, neat, and clean and observe customary table manners.
- I will not use name calling, put downs, or obscene language.
- I will not fight with, or threaten anyone.
- I will not abuse/damage camp property or equipment.
- I will not cut trees or branches without permission from a camp staff member.
- I will not handle or use cutting tools/knives without permission from a camp staff member.
- I will not handle or use fire-starting devices without permission from a camp staff member.
- I will attend and participate in all scheduled camp activities.
- I will respect other people's feelings, bodies, and property.
- I will wear my camp uniform (as/if issued) at all required times during camp.
- I will wear my camp name tag (as/if issued) at all required times during camp.
- I will abide by all other rules of conduct explained to me at camp.
- I will report unsafe and dangerous behavior to a camp staff member.

I have read these rules and agree to follow them while at camp and I understood that any breach of this code may and will be cause for denial of Alaska Conservation Camp privileges up to and including immediate and permanent expulsion from the Alaska Conservation Camp.

RELEASE – As Parent/Legal Guardian:

I, the participant's parent/legal guardian, give permission for my son or daughter to participate in the Alaska Conservation Camp program. It is understood that (1) campers, participants will (a) participate fully in all activities and will (b) exhibit behavior above reproach at all times, and (c) will fully cooperate and comply with all rules and regulations established by the ACC. (2) It is further understood that any breach of this code may and will be cause for immediate and permanent expulsion from all ACC program events and activities. (3) I acknowledge the Camper Code of Conduct and realize I may be contacted to pick up my son or daughter, youth camper, if he or she violates the camp rules or code of conduct. (4) I understand photographs and video taken at these events may be published for ACC educational, publicity and recruitment purposes and grant permission for such use.