



# ALASKA

## 27 Days

Community service & adventure program

### SERVICE PARTNERS

Everybody participates together in each project.

- Food Bank of Alaska
- The Boys & Girls Clubs of Alaska
- Center For Alaskan Coastal Studies (CACs)
- Kids' Kitchen

### ADVENTURE HIGHLIGHTS

- Rafting on Matanuska River
- Glacier hike & views of Denali
- Kayak & cruise to Portage Glacier
- Mush on Alaskan wheeled dog sled
- Cycle Tony Knowles Coastal Trail
- H2Oasis indoor water park

**27 Days | \$5999**

+ AIRFARE TO & FROM ANCHORAGE

July 1 to July 27  
July 6 to August 1

### ACCOMMODATIONS

- University of Alaska Dorms
- Farmhouse
- Bed & Breakfast
- Yurts (call us for more info!)

### CERTIFICATE FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 80 hours service

Specific projects are confirmed in late spring and are similar to those described.

### OPTIONAL COLLEGE CREDIT

This program may be completed for an option of 3 University credits. Optional credits have a fee of \$550 and are transferable to many Colleges and Universities. This decision is ultimately made by the school you attend.

### GOOD TO KNOW...

- Price includes lodging, 3 meals daily, activities, gratuities & taxes.

## WELCOME TO THE LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN!

Some call it Land of the Midnight Sun, others the Last Frontier - you will call it your adventure of a lifetime! We visit the mountainous South Central area. Alaska offers a stark contrast – rich in beauty and natural resources yet poverty abounds – there is much we can do. This great trip to The Great Land gives us opportunity to work for change, and promises to change us as well. On our final night, we will have much to celebrate!



### ANCHORAGE

#### SERVICE

Food Bank of Alaska is dedicated to eliminating hunger by obtaining and distributing food to 270 agencies serving food banks, soup kitchens, schools and senior centers. Our groups helped collect, sort and distribute nutritious food. A group highlight has been the Apprentice Competition in the Great Alaskan Bake Sale – after classes by professional chefs, teams raised funds by selling their own baked goods. Past groups raised funds to make available over 7,000 pounds of food! Talk about satisfying! Of course it was also fun when locals recognized us in town as “those kids from the TV news!”

#### ADVENTURE

Mount McKinley at 20,320 feet is North America’s tallest peak and can be seen on clear days! Visit the Native Heritage Center for unforgettable stories passed down for generations. Cycle Tony Knowles Coastal Trail. Enjoy crafts and entertainment at the open-air Anchorage Market, the H2Oasis indoor water park and hike to Thunderbird Falls.

### WHITewater RAFTING & MOUNTAINEERING

#### ADVENTURE

Nearly 1,000 glaciers in Alaska make for thrilling rafting on Matanuska River. Glacier hike for stunning views of Denali.

### HOMER & PETERSON BAY

#### SERVICE

Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies fosters responsible interaction with our natural surroundings and generates knowledge of the ecosystems of Kachemak Bay, a critical habitat area. They research sea life and rainforest preservation from their remote island field school. Past projects include coastal maintenance by observing and counting wildlife in tidal pools; building and repairing wooden walkways including one for visually impaired people; and rainforest preservation – we built a brand new trail from scratch including boardwalks and a viewing platform. Though this was the most physical day, the group rated it highly on their favorites list!

#### ADVENTURE

Live and work on a Seaside Farm, an authentic original homestead on Kachemak Bay. Visit the Alaskan Wildlife Conservation Center. Our journey to Kachemak on the Kenai Peninsula is a unique Alaskan experience. We hike into the rainforest to a remote beach to enjoy magical views of Kodiak Island and the clearest starlit sky imaginable.

### SEWARD - GLACIER CRUISING

#### ADVENTURE

Seward is the “Gateway to the Kenai Fjords National Park,” and where we kayak and hike at Resurrection Bay. Cruise to Bear Glacier for sights and sounds you will remember for the rest of your life. Mush through wilderness on a wheeled Alaskan dog sled pulled by Iditarod champs.

### ANCHORAGE

#### SERVICE

Kids' Kitchen's motto is “No child should be hungry!” Following founder Elgin Jones' vision, they have served more than 600,000 hot and nutritious meals over 10 years to children from low-income families. Groups helped prepare meals and planned fundraisers ranging from a BBQ dinner with raffles and games to a street carnival.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Alaska inspire and enable young people from disadvantaged circumstances to realize their full potential as productive citizens. The Club opens their facilities for recreational activities to help children achieve a successful transition into adulthood. We planned and ran day camp activities such as arts and crafts, land sports and drama.

*“Daniel had a fantastic experience. He loved Alaska (wants to move there) and felt that they made a difference with their community service projects and had nothing but great things to say about the trip and the leaders. He has now been on 4 of your programs and has great experiences. Thanks for making this one so memorable.”*

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