

Alaskan Quest I

Ages 8-9

Dear Trailside Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for your enrollment in Trailside's environmental education program

Drop-off / Pick-up: Students and instructors meet at Campbell Creek Science Center. Programs begin promptly at 9:00 am and end at 4:00 pm. We ask that children not be dropped off earlier than 8:55 am or picked up later than 4:05 pm. Arriving and departing on time is very important! If you are unable to drop off or pick up your child at these times an additional fee will be charged. Pre and After care is available for a nominal fee.

DAY ONE: We will meet at the Campbell Creek Science Center from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to learn camping skills, introductions/ice breakers, and other skills that will help the group to get ready for it campout from Wednesday through Friday. **Please bring a bathing suit and towel if you registered for a water based trip.**

DAY TWO: We will meet at the Campbell Creek Science Center from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and we will review trip itineraries, equipment reviews, and a thorough check of each participant's gear. We want to be sure that everyone has the proper equipment and clothing, and is prepared for the coming week. **Please bring all of the items listed on the gear list letter.** All personal gear will be stored overnight to help facilitate an early departure the next day. This will help us prevent over - and under packing. It is important that everyone attends.

DAY THREE: Students must be dropped off at the Campbell Creek Science Center at 9:00 a.m. They should bring any missing items suggested by instructors on Wednesday, **a sack lunch** and be ready to drive to the trip site in our van.

PICK UPFRIDAY: We plan to arrive back at the Campbell Creek Science Center between 2:30 and 3:00 pm on Friday and can be picked up at 4:00 p.m.

WHAT TO EXPECT: Students move from place to place, exploring different habitats, in ratios of one staff to ten children, watching wildlife and observing other natural wonders. Our instructors lead activities that directly involve students in learning basic concepts of ecology and the environment in which they live. Depending on the trip, leave no trace camping, backpacking, marine science, kayaking, canoeing and Mountain bike skills will be taught.

Happy Trails,

Thomas Burek