

Frequently Asked Questions about KuC's Ellkarmiut Summer Science Field Camp at Nash Harbor on Nunivak Island

What is the KuC Summer Science Field Camp Program?

The Ellkarmiut Summer Science Field Camp is one of the programs offered by KuC's Science and Technology Academy to encourage Y-K Delta high school juniors and seniors to consider education and careers in Science and Technology. The camp is located in a remarkable wilderness environment on the shores of the Bering Sea. The camp provides a learning environment that is hands-on and adventure-based. The program instructor is Dr. Rick Knecht from the KuC Science and Technology Academy.

Who can attend?

- Students must be entering their junior or senior year in high school.
- Students must have a strong academic background and interest in Science and Technology. Students are selected based upon their applications, transcripts, and recommendations.
- Students who are planning to attend the University of Alaska have priority in the selection process.
- Students who are currently enrolled or have previously attended the KuC Talent Search Program have priority in the selection process.

How do I apply for KuC's Summer Science Field Camp?

- Complete a Summer Science Field Camp Application available online and submit it to KuC. (http://fc.bethel.uaf.edu/~summer_science)

What are the benefits of attending KuC's Summer Science Field Camp?

- 3 college credits from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Students are enrolled in Anthropology 100X, Individual, Society, and Culture, a science course from UAF. A couple more classes are being prepared, those will be announced at a later date.
- Outdoor adventure activities (such as kayaking and hiking) in a unique wilderness environment.
- Exposure to both the principles of Western Ecology and to Native Ways of Knowing.
- Working as a group in teambuilding activities and building friendships that will last a lifetime.

When will I know if I am selected to participate in KuC's Summer Science Field Camp?

- KuC staff will begin evaluation of applications on May 2nd.
- KuC staff will begin notifying participants and alternates on May 7th.

What is the schedule that I should expect if I am selected?

- You will be required to participate in an introductory Audio conference meeting, scheduled for May 18th.
- You will arrive at KuC on June 15th for orientation, introductory coursework, and outfitting. You will stay on campus at KuC dormitory facilities (even if you live in Bethel) until we depart for Nunivak Island on June 18th.
- We may spend a night or two in the Mekoryuk School until weather permits our travel to the Ellkarmiut Science Field Camp at Nash Harbor.
- We will be at Field Camp from approximately June 18th through July 6th.
- We will return to Mekoryuk and KuC on July 6th.
- At KuC, you will complete work on your final projects, clean gear that we have used at camp, and summarize our experience. You will stay on campus at KuC dormitory facilities (even if you live in Bethel) until you depart for home on the morning of July 8th.

What are the costs to students who attend KuC's Summer Science Field Camp Program?

KuC's Summer Science Field Camp Program will pay the following costs:

Tuition for a 3 credit science course (ANTH 100X – Individual, Society, and Culture) from UAF

Books for Anthropology 100X

Round trip transportation to and from your village to KuC and Nunivak Island

Food, lodging, transportation, and facilities while at camp

Adventure – based camp facilities, activities, and equipment.

The only anticipated costs to Summer Science Field Camp Students are:

Spending money for time in Bethel

Spending money for potential time in Mekoryuk.

What are the camp facilities at Nash Harbor actually like?

- You can see many of the facilities at our [Summer Science Field Camp, 2005 slide show](#).
- Many of the “buildings” are large WeatherPORTS (<http://www.global-shelters.com/page.php>). These include the boys & girls sleeping shelters, the dining shelter, the boat shop, the Alaska Outdoor Center headquarters, and the classroom / gathering shelter.
- There are 2 wooden outhouses.
- There are both male and female steam bath houses.
- Last summer we had an excellent cook (fresh reindeer and Dollies – yum!)

Describe a typical day at camp.

There are no typical days at camp! But here is an attempt –

7:30 – Wakeup

8:00 – Breakfast

9:00 – Morning class or lab session

10:30 – Hike along the beach to look for actual examples studied in morning class session

12:00 – Lunch in the field

2:00 – Return to camp , afternoon class or lab session

4:00 – Kayaking excursion (perhaps drag a plankton net or do some fishing)

6:00 – Dinner

7:00 – Evening get together. Recap of the day’s activities, group fun activities, etc.

9:00 – Personal time

10:00 – Hit the sack

There will be days when we will be in the field the entire day, hiking or kayaking and learning, perhaps even spending the night out in a “spike camp.”

There may be days when we travel by boat to other parts of Nunivak Island, and perhaps hike back to Nash Harbor across the old shield volcano

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