



Salmon Eco Adventure A service Learning Opportunity

The Prince William Sound Science Center is teaming up with Alaska River Expeditions to bring you a great Alaska Eco Adventure program in Cordova, Alaska. During this exciting Alaskan Adventure you will have a chance to work with skilled experiential educators to learn about the complex and interconnected ecosystems of Coastal Alaska, and the about Wild Pacific salmon, one of the most valuable natural resources of this area.

Salmon are of great cultural and economic importance to Cordova and other regions of Alaska. Many species of animals and birds also depend on salmon for survival, creating an intricate food web including bears, eagles, seals and Orca whales. You'll explore the habitats of these animals, learn about the salmon life cycle and discover how scientists manage salmon to ensure sustainable harvests and protect their marine and freshwater habitat. And you'll team up with locals as you participate in several community service learning projects tied to the salmon harvest and processing industries that further protect the environment.

You'll explore the environment surrounding the Cordova area in kayaks, canoes and rafts. You'll even have a day of instructional ice-climbing on a glacier, and a great hiking trip. By the end of the week you'll see for yourself that from the forest to the sea, it's all connected and salmon depend on it all.

Nights will be spent at the Alaska River Expeditions Campground, located in a beautiful temperate rainforest on the Copper River Delta. At camp, you'll enjoy delicious meals, fun games and campfires.

The week will end in a community celebration of salmon during the Copper River Wild! Salmon Festival. Cordova will be bustling with activities, barbeques, art workshops, live music, square dancing and educational events including the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's Mobile Aquatic Classroom. Here you'll have a chance to meet locals and develop a real appreciation for the importance of salmon in their everyday lives.

