

Information for Educators Attending All-Alaska Academy Sessions

Your district has sent an Intent Form to reserve spaces in an Alaska Close Up, Junior Alaska Close Up, Government Internship, Career Connections, Test/Career Prep, or Transition Camp session, and you are one of the accompanying educators. This information will help you as you prepare for participation.

Preparation Materials

Preparation information includes a session countdown, registration forms, and application and permission packets, as well as additional information at our Web site. If you have trouble downloading documents, we will be happy to fax or mail them to you.

Teacher Responsibilities

As teacher/chaperone, you will be a part of the All-Alaska Academy instructional team, and will work with SERRC instructors. You may also be helping students complete their advance assignments. At the hostel, you will be given a chore list to oversee with a group of students.

Your role:

- ◆ I will be chaperoning the students I bring from my district, and will be sharing chaperone duties for all activities with the other teachers.
- ◆ I will be a member of the teaching team that presents the curriculum. For Transition Camp, I will also attend educators' sessions.
- ◆ I will assist other staff in upholding and maintaining student rules.
- ◆ I will assist students with projects such as school and community sharing, regional presentations, local projects, bill research, or person-centered planning.
- ◆ I will participate in essential skits that instruct students.
- ◆ I will maintain contact with district personnel and SERRC concerning Academy events.

Student Assignments

Students need a teacher/mentor at the local school to assist them in completing the advance assignments. Advance assignments are listed on the student checklist, and included here:

- ◆ Alaska Close Up: 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 11, and 12. Extra credit: 6, 7, 8, and 10.
- ◆ Junior Alaska Close Up: 1, 5, and 12. Extra credit: 2, 3, 6, 7, and 8.
- ◆ Government Internship: 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, and 15.
- ◆ Career Connections: 2 (Part 1), 5, 12, 13, 14, and 15.
- ◆ Transition Camp: 5, and 12. Extra credit: 13, 14, and 15.
- ◆ Advance Assignment 1 helps students to locate their legislators, and this information will be included on some registration forms.
- ◆ Advance Assignment 3 asks Alaska Close Up and Government Internship students to introduce themselves to their legislators. If students tell a bit about themselves, legislators will have some details to use when the student is introduced in the House or Senate.
- ◆ Awards will be given to each student who brings the completed Advance Assignments with them. The assignments should be signed by the school teacher/mentor.

Travel Arrangements

Districts pay for travel to and from the session. Our sessions begin at 8:00 am Monday and end at 2:00 pm on Friday. Sunday activities are optional, since many of you may be arriving on the Sunday evening plane. Many districts arrive Sunday afternoon or evening and depart Friday evening or early Saturday morning. Please check on the Alaska Airlines' special All-Alaska Academy fare included at this site to see if it will be cost-effective for your district.

Once you arrive in Juneau, transportation is not provided for times before or after the session, so if you plan to arrive early or stay beyond Saturday morning, you may want to rent a car to get around. Public transportation and taxis are also available.

Princess Tours will be picking you up at the airport or ferry, so watch for a large bus or a smaller van. Drivers can't leave their vehicles, so you'll have to find them. If your flight is delayed, you should notify Princess Tours directly. You can call Jessica at 723-2421 or Bill at 723-2430 to arrange new pick-up times. If you arrive later than 11:00 p.m., you can take a cab and we will reimburse you.

Housing Arrangements

We'll be staying at the Juneau International Hostel, 614 Harris Street. You will share in chaperoning all students and we also have SERRC chaperones to assist with your stay. We have exclusive use of the hostel from 10 am Sunday through 9 am Saturday. If you arrive Saturday evening or stay the following Friday evening before returning home, your hostel stay will be covered. One hostel requirement is that guests do chores to keep the hostel clean. You will be given a chore list, and will be supervising students as they complete the chores. For other questions about the hostel, contact them directly at 586-9559, or visit their Web site: www.juneauhostel.org. The hostel is large, warm, and homey, with dormitory-style bedrooms. Bedding and towels are supplied. The student checklist gives details on what to bring for the hostel stay.

Meals

All meals are provided from Sunday evening through lunch on Friday. Where the schedule says "meals on your own," individual lunch or dinner money envelopes are given to participants with which to purchase meals from local restaurants. The school district is responsible for meals if you arrive early or stay after lunch on Friday. Students will probably want to bring some pocket money for snacks.

Professional Development Credit

ED 593 for teachers and academic credit for students is offered through the University of Alaska Southeast for a fee of \$75, payable to UAS. Consult the link at this Web site for more details.

Extra Activities

We have one or two evenings when optional activities are scheduled, and these require student and/or teacher payment. There is a lot to see and do if you arrive early or remain after the session is over at 2:00 pm on Friday. Lesson 12 will give you details on many activities.

Activities include bowling, swimming, shopping, movies, the Treadwell Ice Arena run by Juneau Parks and Recreation (www.juneau.org/parksrec/icerink/index.php), and a rock-climbing facility, The Rock Dump. Some activities will require you to provide cab transportation. You might want to investigate whether your district requires permission slips for ice skating, and you can download the permission slip for the Rock Dump at www.rockdump.com.