



# GET INVOLVED WITH ANCHORAGE OUTDOOR SCHOOL

Anchorage Outdoor School is a place for students to be amazed, surprised, challenged, supported, delighted, curious, brave, motivated, connected, creative, inspired...and so much more! Join us today!

Our mission: Cultivate lifelong stewardship of public lands in Alaska through residential, place-based outdoor education for fifth graders in the Anchorage School District.

## ***Do you work on, around, or on behalf of public lands? Be an AOS Field Instructor!***

- Explore alongside students and investigate the links and relationships between different parts of the local ecosystem.
- Expose students to new and interesting career pathways through discussion of your organization, field of study, and a “typical” day at work.
- Share your love of the outdoors and the ways you enjoy time outside.

### *Commitment:*

- At minimum: 2 consecutive days (9am – 3:30pm). Program is held entirely outdoors at local Anchorage parks. Participation for multiple weeks of the program is welcomed and encouraged!
- Lead 4 sessions of a 90-minute field study to groups of 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Topic can be your area of expertise or selected from our curriculum library. AOS orientation & training is provided.

## ***Have an outdoor skill or activity to share? Become a Recreation Time Partner!***

- Provide Alaskan youth with the opportunity to experience their public lands and practice a wide variety of outdoor activities and skills.
- Get students moving, learning new skills, and working together to overcome challenges!

### *Commitment:*

- At minimum: one 45-minute session for a group of 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Program is held entirely outdoors at local Anchorage parks. Participation for multiple days/weeks of the program is welcome and encouraged!
- Please bring enough supplies/materials for up to 15 participants.

### ***Operations Volunteer***

There is a lot of behind-the-scenes work that goes into making AOS a great experience for each and every student. If you support our mission but aren't interested in working directly with student participants, consider volunteering as part of our Operations team. We are always looking for people to help with outreach and program logistics.

### ***Fiscal Sponsor***

We at Anchorage Outdoor School believe all students have the right to enjoy the many benefits that time outside provides. Equity and inclusivity are central to our program and we work to lower the barriers to outdoor recreation and education by reserving at least a third of program enrollment for students from Title I schools and fully subsidizing their tuition. If you are interested in helping us maintain and grow the AOS program, please consider a financial donation or program sponsorship.

Please reach with questions or for more information to our Program Manager at [sarahschuh@kmtacorridor.org](mailto:sarahschuh@kmtacorridor.org).