

OUR WATERS

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Conference Field Trips

UAA Education Credits (3) available for Teachers!

Alaska Master Naturalist course registration information: pace@uaa.alaska.edu

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Natural History Day Tour at the Peterson Bay Field Station—Take a boat ride across Kachemak Bay to explore the rich rocky intertidal zone with a naturalist from the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies at a -2.4 low tide! The trip over and back includes views of Gull Island, a bustling seabird colony where literally thousands of birds raise their chicks every summer. Following your morning intertidal experience, you will have an opportunity to take a guided hike in a coastal forest ecosystem on the edge of the wilderness, visit a bog, learn the names and lore of coastal plants, see what prehistoric people have left behind at an Alaska Native housesite, and explore marine life more in depth at the Field Station's aquaria and live tanks. The intertidal zone and forest trails may be uneven, rocky, or slippery. Pack a daypack, water bottle and a sack lunch. Drinking water and complimentary hot beverages available are provided. Space is limited. \$125/per person. Depart from Homer Harbor; 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Morning or Afternoon Kayak Adventure with St. Augustine Kayaking and Tours—Half-day kayak trips are excellent for those short on time or tentative about trying kayaking. Our diverse day trip winds its way through two spectacular bays rich in wildlife. Our professional guides from Homer Kayaking introduce kayaking in a safe, fun, and comfortable manner to thousands. Almost anyone can do kayaking. No experience is necessary. Space is limited. Price includes water taxi and all equipment, instruction and guide service for the kayaking portion. No experience is necessary. Bring a sack lunch and water bottle. \$110/person. Depart from Homer Harbor; 9:00 am – 1:30 pm or 1:30 pm – 6:00 pm

On-Board Oceanography Excursion—Get a hands-on oceanography experience onboard the M/V Discovery. This 5 hour cruise on Kachemak Bay is basically the same one that the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies offers to

hundreds of students during their Spring Environmental Education season. It includes scientific inquiry-based activities that involve small group and whole group explorations. The five hour program focuses on oysters and oyster farming to highlight the productivity of Kachemak Bay. Activities include water sampling, plankton tow and microscope study, ocean acidification, nautical charts and tide books, using remote operated vehicles to explore underwater life and sampling a tasty fresh oyster! Bring a water bottle and sack lunch. \$80/person. Depart from Homer Harbor; 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Best of the Bay Boat Tour—Alaska Coastal Marine Charters provides 3½ hours of amazing wildlife, intense beauty, fascinating information, and a great time for all. The boat tour takes you over to Gull Island, a renowned seabird rookery that is home to 20,000 nesting birds. We will point out old homesteader cabins, sites of archaeological importance, amazing rock structures and magnificent fjords. On a clear day, three of our magnificent volcanoes in “The Pacific Ring of Fire” dominate the far horizon. We expect to find abundant wildlife along the way, including sea otters, humpback whales, seals, porpoises, sea lions, and always hope to spot minke and orca (killer) whales. \$45/person. Depart from Homer Harbor; 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Meet the Locals!—This tour starts at 11:00 AM and is a combination of self-guided exploration and scheduled tours. Included are unlimited rides on the Homer Trolley, specialized tours at the Pratt Museum and the Alaska Islands & Ocean Center, and a gallery walk in Old Town and along historic Pioneer Avenue. The price includes unlimited trolley access and all scheduled tours. Lunch is on your own, with options outlined along the gallery walk. \$40/per person. Depart from Kachemak Bay Campus; 11:00 pm – 5:00 pm

