

## FFWPU USA: A 'Huge Breakthrough:' National Ocean Challenge Program 2022

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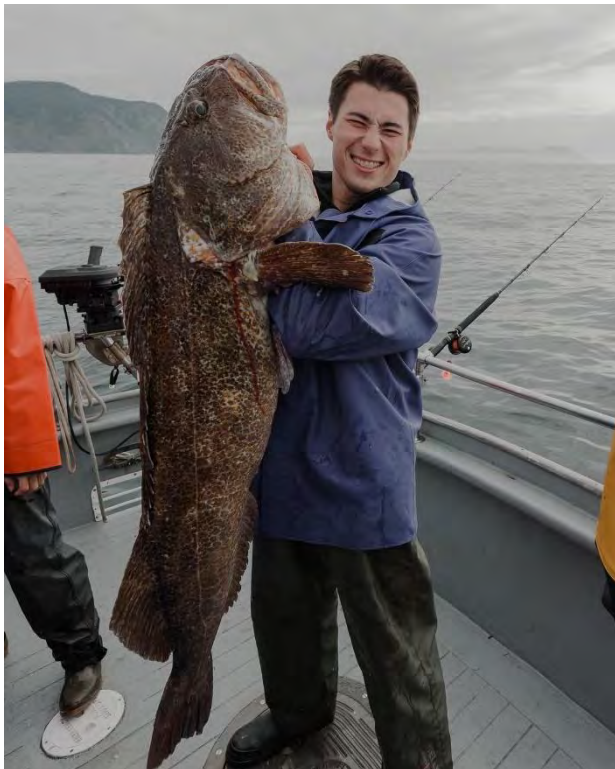


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"The ocean is such an equalizing place no matter who you are," said Tasnah Bercy, co-director of the National Ocean Challenge Program ([NOCP](#)). "We are all equally being challenged by the ocean ... but there was definitely this feeling of a huge breakthrough with this group."

Bercy shared about NOCP's 2022 program, which ran from July 5 to 27, during an FFWPU USA leaders' meeting. A group of 20 participants spent three weeks on and off the shores of Kodiak, Alaska, as they learned a range of activities, including the basics of boating and fishing, and how to jig and troll for Pacific salmon, halibut, rockfish, and ling cod. Bercy said NOCP is a unique opportunity - and a big adjustment - for many young participants who typically have limited experience on the ocean.

"The first three days of ocean fishing there was rough weather, so most of the participants were seasick," shared Bercy. "I think the experience of the first few days was tough ... [but overall] we had a really incredible group of people, and we were really touched and moved by how God is working through everyone's lives."



NOCP participants, who came from across the U.S. and as far as Poland, Andora, and South Korea, said



they sought to strengthen their faith and deepen their connection with God through the ocean and nature. Others were looking to reflect and gain clarity on their goals and direction in life, while several more relayed their desire to understand the Ocean Providence, develop leadership training, and share experiences of growth with the group.

"[NOCP] is an environment to discover more about myself, learn leadership skills, and invest in the future of my community," said one U.S. participant.

"I was seeking a place of reflection and healing," shared another participant. "I felt that I needed to do this ... Along with the excitement [of being on the ocean], some part of me felt that God called me to learn True Father's spirit of preparing, waiting, and praying before any crucial event or choice."



The purpose of NOCP, Bercy said, is to empower future leaders to become true owners of God's Creation through ocean-based educational and experiential activities rooted in the teachings of NOCP's founders, True Parents. "Our three objectives are to develop character and confidence through seamanship, experience the heart of stewardship, and cultivate faith through experiencing God's love through nature," she said. "The lessons that you learn from a boat and from the Alaskan spirit, and mind-body unity, help you to digest what you go through with gratitude."

With a robust itinerary, NOCP focused on faith lessons, next steps in building a stronger foundation with God, and preparing for the future. Daily sessions included "The Power of Our Actions," "Stewardship Starts with Love," "Life of Faith Lessons from a Boat," and "Claiming Victories," among several others. Participants enjoyed various outdoor excursions and activities, reflection time, and worship as well.

"We had some very awesome experiences out on the water," said Bercy. "Really incredible things, like people catching a six-foot-long ling cod, which is crazy. There was a really high spirit and energy."

For many participants, the challenges and rewards of NOCP created an unforgettable and life-changing experience that they will carry beyond their summer at sea. "I'm really grateful for all the foundation that is here in Kodiak," said Bercy. "We definitely felt something special this year."



You can learn more about the National Ocean Challenge Program [here](#).



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# Kodiak Ocean Tribe

## Empowering youth through



### Stewardship

"The shortcut to protecting nature is to develop a heart that loves nature...To care for and love the environment is to love God." -SMM



### Seamanship

"Once a person receives intense training to become a fisherman, he can go anywhere in the world and become a leader of people. Learning to be a fisherman is good leadership training." -SMM



### Faith

"The ocean has been such a wonderful teacher for me in my life that I created the Ocean Challenge program to give young people the leadership training the ocean provides." -SMM

# Our Mission

Kodiak Ocean Tribe seeks to empower future leaders to become true owners of God's Creation through



educational and experiential oceanic activities based on the teachings of Rev. and Mrs. Moon.

## Our Programs



### National Ocean Challenge Program July 2022

The Kodiak Ocean Tribe community is proud to host the annual National Ocean Challenge Program, an unforgettable 3-week summer experience for youth from around the world.

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### Family Ocean Camp August 2022

COMING SOON



### Kodiak Pilgrimage August 2022

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# Love Nature

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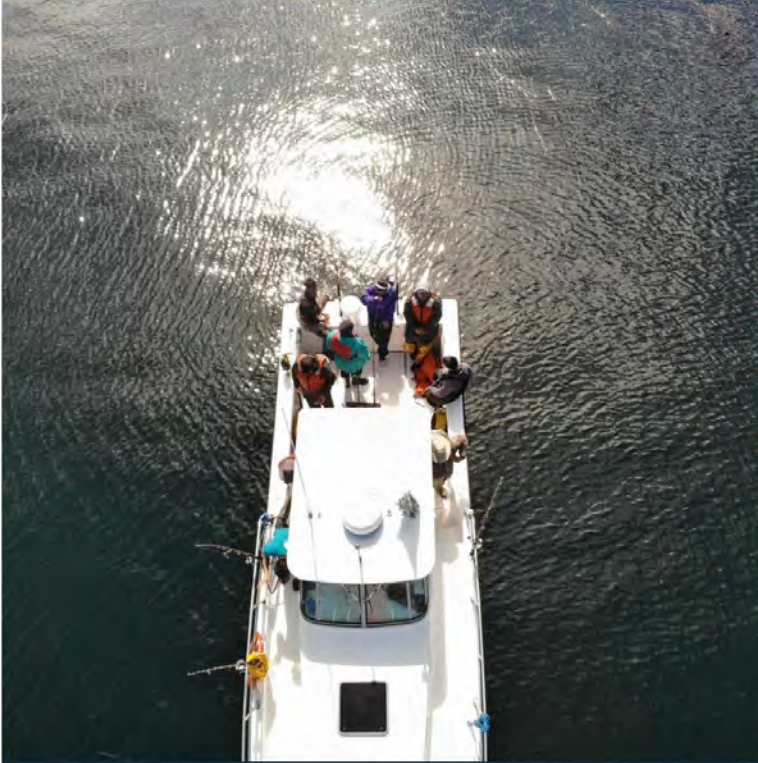
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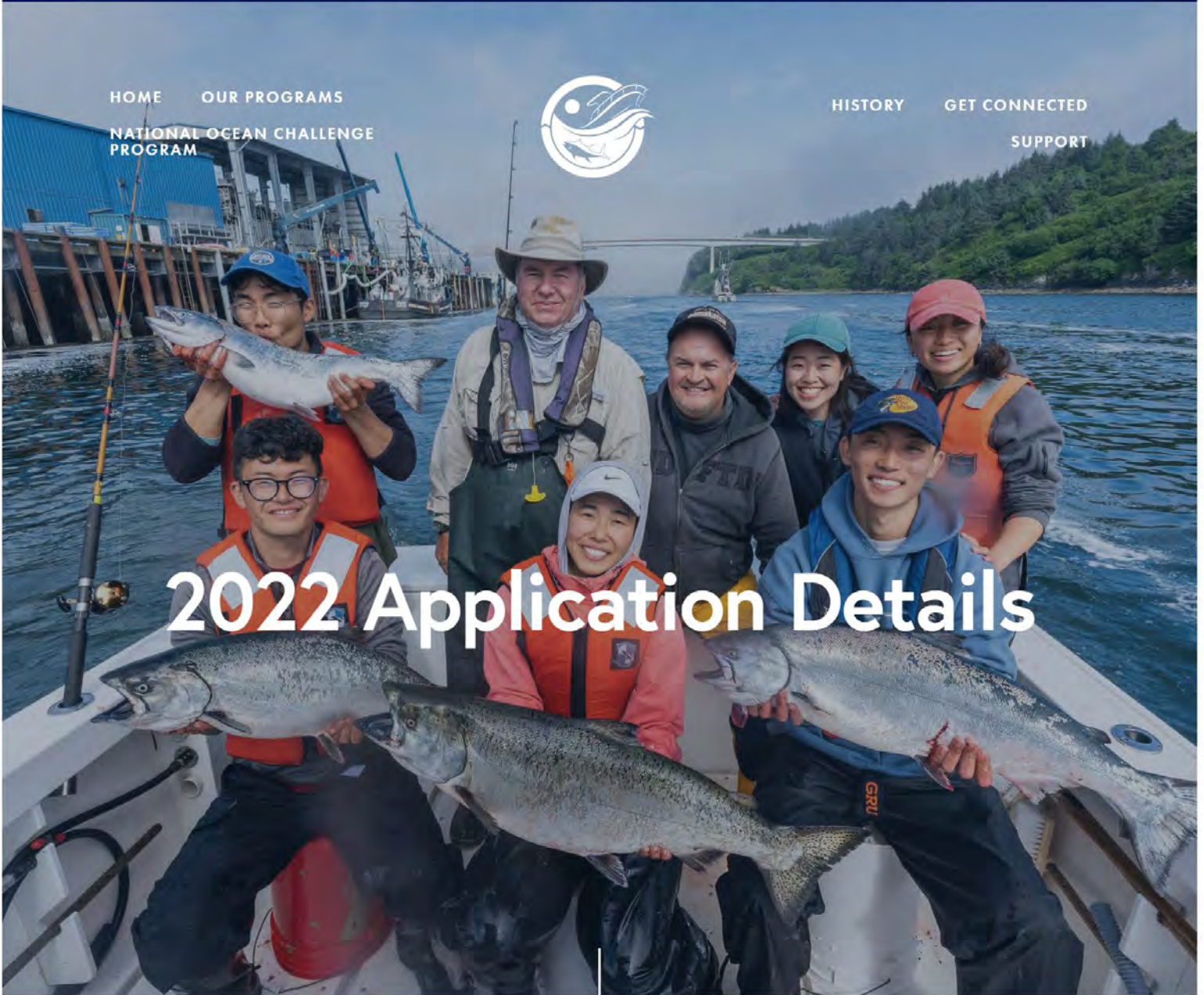
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# 2022 Application Details

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications for 2022 are now OPEN for all young adults age 17+!\*

Please read this entire page to familiarize yourself with all the requirements and policies.

*\*Participants must be age 17+ by program date.*

### For Participants

- Create your personal NOCP account
- Submit your application and a \$400 deposit by May 10
- Have a short phone interview with our staff!
- Receive your acceptance letter by May 15

### For Captains-in-Training & Team Leaders

- Create your personal NOCP account
- Submit your application and a \$400 deposit by April 15
- Have a short phone interview with our staff!
- Receive your acceptance letter by May 15



- receive your acceptance letter by May 18
- Buy a roundtrip flight to Kodiak, Alaska
- Fundraise! Find sponsors in your community!
- Pay your remaining balance by July 3
- If needed, apply for a scholarship
- Check the [packing list](#)
- Come to NOCP for an amazing adventure!

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# PROGRAM DETAILS + FEES

NOCP offers 3 different programs to select from.

Please be sure to read all the details on our [About](#) page.

PARTICIPANT	TEAM LEADER	CAPTAIN-IN-TRAINING (CIT)
<p><b>JULY 5-27, 2022</b> 21-DAY PROGRAM</p> <p><b>\$2500</b></p> <p><b>Program Fee Includes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Educational programming</li> <li>Food and lodging for the duration of your program</li> <li>Fishing gear</li> <li>CPR/First Aid certification</li> </ul> <p><b>Requirement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be 17+</li> </ul> <p><b>Travel:</b></p> <p>All participants *must arrive* anytime on Tuesday, July 5 and depart any time on Wednesday, July 27</p>	<p><b>JUNE 30-AUGUST 3, 2022</b> 35-DAY PROGRAM</p> <p><b>\$2500</b></p> <p><b>Program Fee Includes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Educational programming</li> <li>Food and lodging for the duration of your program</li> <li>Fishing gear</li> <li>CPR/First Aid certification</li> </ul> <p><b>Role:</b></p> <p>Please see role description on our NOCP <a href="#">About</a> page.</p> <p><b>Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have experience as a group leader for workshops/camps</li> <li>• Must be ages 18+</li> <li>• NOCP Alumni will be given priority consideration</li> <li>• Must be able to fish</li> </ul>	<p><b>JUNE 28-AUGUST 3, 2022</b> 37-DAY CIT PROGRAM</p> <p><b>\$2500</b></p> <p><b>Program Fee Includes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Educational programming</li> <li>Food and lodging for the duration of your program</li> <li>Fishing gear</li> <li>USCG Boating Safety course</li> <li>CPR/First Aid certification</li> </ul> <p><b>Role:</b></p> <p>Please see role description on our NOCP <a href="#">About</a> page.</p> <p><b>It is preferred that CITs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have attended NOCP previously or have boating/captaining experience</li> <li>• Have attended the USCG</li> </ul>

## Application Deadline is May 10!

NOCP does a rolling acceptance for applications. You can expect to hear back from us within a week of applying. All acceptance letters will be sent out by **May 15**.

0 SPOTS REMAINING!  
WAITLIST OPEN!

\* Must be able to furnish a reference

### Travel:

All team leaders \*must arrive\* anytime on Thursday, June 30 and depart any time on Wednesday, August 3

EXTENDED DEADLINE!

2 TEAM LEADER SPOTS  
REMAINING!

\* Have already taken the USCG Boating Safely course or equivalent

- Have their CPR/First Aid certification
- Must be age 18+

### Travel:

All participants \*must arrive\* anytime on Tuesday, June 28 and depart any time on Wednesday, August 3

EXTENDED DEADLINE!

2 CIT SPOTS REMAINING!

## Additional Costs for all Participants, Team Leaders, and CITs:

### FISHING LICENSE (REQUIRED)

All participants, team leaders, and CITs **must** purchase an annual fishing license and king salmon stamp. NOCP cannot purchase these for participants, thus they will be purchased upon arrival in Kodiak. The cost of a license and a king salmon stamp is **\$200** for non-Alaska residents and **\$30** for Alaska residents. Please bring your payment in cash, check, or card.

### ADDITIONAL NIGHTS AND MEALS

We do not provide the option of arriving early or departing late. We apologize for the inconvenience! If you have any extenuating circumstances, please let us know.

### SUPPLY RENTAL

The following supplies can be rented on-site for the duration of the program:

- Cotton sleeping bags - **\$10**
- Rubber boots - **\$10** (limited sizes available)

## Flight Information

Please purchase your flight only **after** you have received your acceptance letter.

Please purchase a round trip ticket to/from **Kodiak Airport (ADQ)** within the times listed for your program. We recommend using Alaska Airlines for your Anchorage to Kodiak leg. All participants will be picked up and dropped off at the airport by our staff.

## Packing List

Check out our [packing list](#) for all the supplies and gear you'll need for this summer!

## COVID Mitigation for 2022

All staff and participants will be asked to provide a negative test prior to traveling to Kodiak. Participants and staff will have the option to be tested prior to returning home.



## REFUND POLICY

If you withdraw your application or cancel your acceptance before **June 1st** your \$400 deposit and any tuition fees paid will be refunded, less 10% processing fees. If you cancel **after June 1st and before June 24th**, your deposit will be forfeited and any tuition fees paid will be refunded, less 10% processing fees. If you cancel **after June 24th**, any deposits and payments made will not be refunded.

## Questions?

Questions can be directed to our NOCP staff at [NOCPkodiak@gmail.com](mailto:NOCPkodiak@gmail.com).

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