



# National Ocean Challenge Program

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*"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."*

— SUN MYUNG MOON

## NOCP MISSION STATEMENT

**We empower future leaders to become true owners of God's Creation through ocean based educational and experiential activities rooted in the teachings of Father and Mother Moon.**

## OBJECTIVES

- Develop character and confidence through **seamanship**
- Experience the heart of **stewardship**
- Cultivate **faith** through experiencing God's love through nature



## PROGRAM DETAILS

# NOCP offers 3 different programs to select from for young adults ages 18+\*

*\*Due to COVID mitigations, for 2021, participants must be age 18 or older*

## PARTICIPANT

### JULY 8-29, 2021 21-DAY PROGRAM

NOCP offers a unique hands-on immersion experience of God's Creation for youth ages 16+\* in remote Kodiak, Alaska. With the ocean as the training ground, come develop character and confidence through seamanship, experience the heart of stewardship, and cultivate faith through experiencing God's love through nature.

NOCP seeks to continue Father and Mother Moon's tradition and legacy of growing the character and faith of young people through leadership training on the sea. Through internal guidance and connecting to their words and experience, participants have the opportunity to walk in Father and Mother Moon's shoes and experience all the lessons that the ocean has to teach.

Each morning begins with morning devotion and a morning service introducing the day's theme. Days are filled with activities in nature including full day on the ocean learning the basics of boating and fishing, and how to jig and troll for Pacific salmon, halibut, rockfish, and ling cod. Throughout the program, participants will rotate to each of our four boats, learning from the senior captains who spent many years with Father and Mother Moon. They'll share their stories and lesson and also their unique fishing styles. Each senior captain is supported by a captains-in-training (CIT). Evenings are filled with testimonies from local members, educational activities, and personal reflections. On Sundays, NOCP joins the local Kodiak Family Church for service and fellowship.

As part of stewardship training, participants will also receive certification on "About Boating Safely" offered by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and be certified in CPR/First Aid.

Other highlights of the program include river fishing, team reflection beach bonfires, a service project, hatchery tour, a Kodiak City tour, and an end-of program fishing tournament - with prizes!

There are only 20 participant spots available for 2021 so apply soon!

## TEAM LEADER

### JULY 1-AUGUST 5, 2021 35-DAY PROGRAM

This year we are seeking four team leaders who will work directly with the education coordinator to serve as an extension of our staff in an elder brother/sister role for a team of five participants.

Prior to NOCP they will join weekly calls to help develop educational themes, design the program's schedule, and plan out program activities. On-site, team leaders will facilitate team bonding activities and lead team sharings each evening, checking in with the core staff after. The goal is to help provide personal care and support to the participants during the program.

We ask that team leaders come a week before the program starts to orient and help prepare and stay a week after to debrief and connect in gratitude as staff.

Team leaders are primarily participants in that they will participate in all the activities and fishing. Priority will be given to team leaders who are alumni of NOCP. Having prior team leading experience is highly recommended.

## CAPTAIN-IN-TRAINING (CIT)

### JULY 1-AUGUST 5, 2021 35-DAY PROGRAM

Each year, four CITs have the opportunity to attend an extended 35-day Captain-in-Training Ocean Challenge program, coming a week early and staying a week after the program.

The primary intention of the CIT program is to provide a leadership training opportunity where the elder captains can pass on the heart and legacy of captaining to the younger generation, sharing their wealth of spiritual and technical experience. CITs will spend their prep-week beginning each day with morning devotions and guidance from their elders. Themes include the heart of being a leader, stewardship, and faith training on the ocean. CITs will also be instructed in the basics of boat preparation, safety, maintenance, maneuvering, as well as charts, navigation, and fishing techniques. CITs will also enjoy an overnight fishing trip with the senior captains and staff in preparation for the program.

Prior to the program, CITs will be given prep materials to study and become familiar with. During the program, CITs will be paired with a senior captain whom they'll assist with boat preparation, maintenance, safety, and navigation. They'll also play a key role in teaching and supporting participants on the water. On land, they'll serve as an extension of our staff team, supporting the team leaders, activities, and education.

After the NOCP program, CITs will assist in hosting a local Family Ocean Challenge Day, learn how to winterize a boat, and share reflections on the program.

#### It is preferred that CITs:

- Have attended NOCP previously or have boating/captaining experience
- Have already taken the USCG Boating Safely course or equivalent
- Have their CPR/First Aid certification

## COVID Mitigation for 2021

HSA-UWC Family Fed has approved our staff's NOCP 2021 COVID mitigation plan. The safety of

our participants and staff has been and will continue to be our top priority.

The city of Kodiak, AK is currently in the "green," allowing for large group gatherings.

All staff and participants will be asked to agree to the [NOCP 2021 COVID mitigation plan](#) and take all required precautions before, during, and at the conclusion of the program.

APPLICATION AND DETAILS

## MEET THE 2021 STAFF TEAM



**Lukas Bercy**  
Co-Director



**Tasnah Bercy**  
Co-Director



**Alina Button**  
Co-Coordinator (Logistics + Finance)



**Tamae Seto**  
Co-Coordinator (Education + Programming)



**Frank Button**  
Senior Captain



**Greg Odlin**  
Senior Captain



**Jorge Mendez**  
Senior Captain

## History



The first Ocean Challenge program was initiated by Rev. Sun Myung Moon on July 1, 1981. The program was designed to cultivate faith and leadership by challenging participants to spend a summer fishing for Atlantic bluefin tuna. Rev. Moon designed the Good-Go boats, still used today.

Ocean Challenge instructed its participants in both the theoretical and practical aspects of boating and fishing. Ocean Challenge was also unique in its strongly spiritual focus, encouraging participants to challenge their limitations and concepts of themselves, others, and God. There was also a strong emphasis on self-discipline, self-motivation, leadership, and meeting God on the swells of the ocean. The Ocean Challenge spirit motto was, "If God calls, I will go, no matter the circumstances."

When Rev. Moon started "Ocean Challenge Alaska" in 1986 in Kodiak, Alaska, he expressed that the Alaskan Spirit was as same as Ocean Challenge Spirit.

*"I like to use the phrase "Alaska Spirit." By this I mean the habit of getting up at five o'clock in the morning, going out to sea, and not returning until well after midnight, when in the summer it is still light. The person with "Alaska Spirit" stays out on the ocean until he catches the daily allowance. One cannot become a true fisherman unless he learns how to endure this way. Catching fish is not a pleasure cruise. No matter how many fish may be in the ocean, they are not going to just jump into the boat. It takes specialized knowledge and much experience. 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."*

NOCP has been hosted each summer in Kodiak since 2007. Chris Fiala, Frank Button, and Minoru Kageyama, three veterans of Ocean Challenge, launched a three-week summer program for youth ages 16-35 to give the next generation a taste of the Father Moon's love for the ocean, fishing, and all that is has to teach.

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# 2021 Application Details



# APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications for 2021 are open for  
all young adults age 18+!\*

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

*\*Due to COVID mitigations that will be in place this year, the  
minimum age has been temporarily raised from 16 to 18.*

## For Participants

- Create your personal NOCP account
- Submit your application and a \$400

## For Captains- in-Training & Team Leaders

- Create your personal NOCP account
- Submit your application

deposit by  
May 10

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# PROGRAM DETAILS + FEES

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Please be sure to read all the details on our About  
page.



## PARTICIPANT

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21-DAY PROGRAM

**\$2100**

**Program Fee  
Includes:**

Educational  
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Food and  
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Fishing gear

USCG Boating  
Safely course

CPR/First Aid  
certification

**Requirement:**

- Must be 18+

**Travel:**

Due to our  
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\*must arrive\* on Thursday, July 8 and depart any time on Friday, July 30

## 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**.

ONLY 25 SPOTS AVAILABLE!

- Must have experience as a group leader for workshops/camps
- Must be ages 18+
- NOCP Alumni will be given priority consideration
- Must be able to furnish a reference

### Travel:

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## Application Deadline is April 12!

NOCP staff will review all

letters will be sent out by **May 15**.

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applications after April 12. If not selected as a CIT, applicants may elect to come as a participant or team leader. All acceptance letters will be sent out by **April 17**.

ONLY 4  
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## 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 **\$245** for non-Alaska residents and **\$39** for Alaska residents. Please bring your payment in cash, check, or card.

ADDITIONAL NIGHTS  
AND MEALS

SUPPLY RENTAL

Due to COVID mitigations, we cannot provide the option of arriving early or departing late this year. We apologize for the inconvenience! Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

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

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

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## 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.

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## Important Documents

You'll need to upload the following forms when making your final payment:

- [Medical Waiver Form](#)
- [Code of Conduct Form](#)

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## Packing List

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

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## Refund Policy

If you withdraw your application or cancel your acceptance before **June 1st** your \$400 deposit will be refunded, less processing fees. If you cancel after June 1st your deposit will be forfeited.

In the event you are unable to attend the program after making your full payment, the tuition fee you paid, excluding the \$400 deposit, will be returned.

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## Questions?

Questions can be directed to our NOCP staff at  
NOCPkodiak@gmail.com.

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