

## National Ocean Challenge Program (NOCP) 2024 Registration is Open

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**NATIONAL OCEAN  
CHALLENGE PROGRAM**

**MAIN PROGRAM**  
JULY 1-23

**CAPTAINS IN TRAINING**  
JUNE 23-JULY 29

**TEAM LEADERS**  
JUNE 26-JULY 29

**\*NEW\***  
**OPEN TO**  
**INCOMING**  
**HIGH SCHOOL**  
**SENIORS**  
**AND UP**

**2024**

**REGISTER TODAY!**

REGISTRATION OPENS FEB 17 [WWW.KODIAKOCEANTRIBE.ORG](http://WWW.KODIAKOCEANTRIBE.ORG)

Calling all young adventurers! Are you ready to embark on a life-changing experience through the wonder of Kodiak? Join us at the National Ocean Challenge Program and become part of something truly extraordinary! Here's why you won't want to miss out:

**Empowerment:** Our ocean-based educational activities are designed to help you develop character, build confidence, and become true stewards of God's Creation.

**Seamanship:** Get ready to cast off and discover the heart of seamanship! Whether you're a seasoned boater or a first-time fisherman, our hands-on activities will teach you valuable skills while fostering teamwork and camaraderie.

**Stewardship:** Discover the true meaning of stewardship as you immerse yourself in nature. Experience the thrill of deep sea fishing, the exhilaration of summiting Kodiak's peaks, and gain a deep appreciation for the wonders of God's Creation.

**Faith and Love:** Connect with your faith and experience God's love through the awe-inspiring beauty of the ocean. Our program is rooted in the teachings of Father and Mother Moon, guiding you on a spiritual journey like no other.

**Dates:**

Main Program: July 1-23, 2024

Team Leaders: June 26-July 29, 2024

Captains in Training: June 23-July 29, 2024

**\*\*NEW this year\*\*** We're lowering our age minimum and INCOMING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS and up are invited to join!! Registration is open and spots are filling fast!

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# National Ocean Challenge Program

LEARN MORE!

*"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 17+\*

## PARTICIPANT

JULY 1-23, 2024  
21-DAY PROGRAM

NOCP offers a unique hands-on immersion experience of God's Creation for young adults 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 days 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.

NOCP partners with local organizations and non profits to do service work related to marine stewardship and sustainability. Participants will also be certified in CPR/First Aid.

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

There are only 25 participant spots available for 2024 so apply soon!

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



## Staff Roles

TEAM LEADER

CAPTAIN-IN-TRAINING (CIT)



**JUNE 26-JULY 29, 2024**  
**35-DAY PROGRAM**

This year we are seeking five 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 a programming call with staff to connect over the program's themes, the schedule, and their responsibilities. On-site, team leaders will facilitate team activities, lead small group morning devotionals, 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. They'll stay a week after to debrief, breakdown and join the core-staff in a two-night overnight trip to 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.

There are 5 Team Leader spots available.

**JUNE 23-JULY 29, 2024**  
**37-DAY PROGRAM**

We are seeking four CITs to join our staff team, coming a week early to prepare for the program 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, 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, and share reflections on the program.

There are 4 CIT spots available.

**It is preferred that CITs:**

- Have attended NOCP previously or have boating/captaining experience
- Have their CPR/First Aid certification



Learn to drive the boat!



CIT's learning engine b...



Grilling fresh caught sa...



All-staff overnight trip!...



Post-program overnight

**APPLICATION AND DETAILS!**

## MEET THE 2023 STAFF TEAM





**Lukas Bercy**

Co-Director



**Tasnah Bercy**

Co-Director



**Alina Button**

Co-Coordinator (Logistics + Finance)



**Masami Kageyama**

Co-Coordinator (Education + Programming)

**Frank Button**

Senior Captain

**Jonathan von Euw**

Junior Captain

**Gabby von Euw**

Land & River Guide

## 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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\*\* REGISTRATION IS OPEN ! \*\*

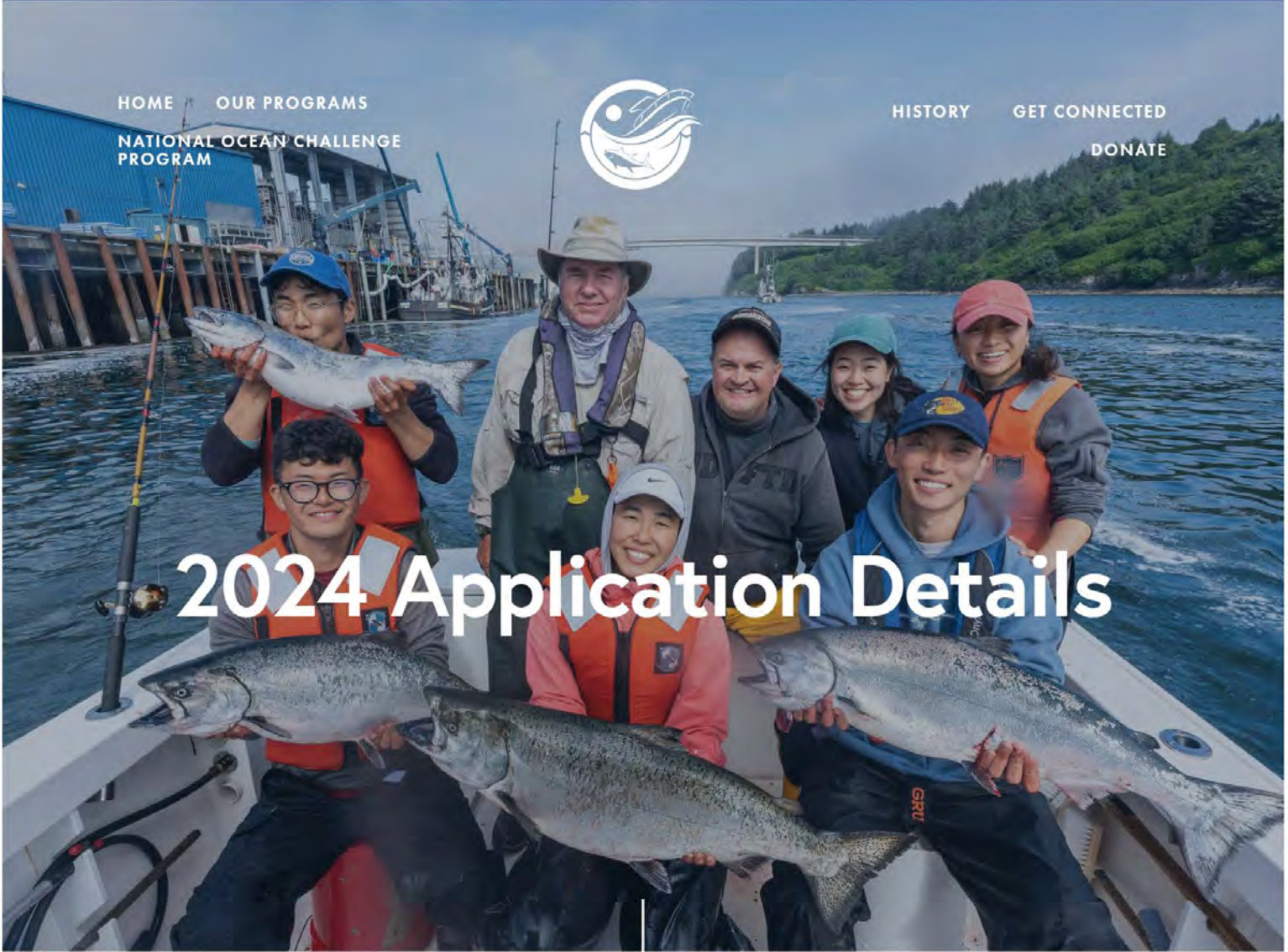
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\*\*NEW THIS YEAR\*\* WE'RE LOWERING OUR AGE MINIMUM AND INCOMING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND UP ARE INVITED TO JOIN!!

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# 2024 Application Details

## PROGRAM DETAILS + FEES

Applications for 2024 are OPEN for all young adults age 17+!\*

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

*\*Participants must be at least a RISING SENIOR (entering senior year in fall of 2024) by program date.*

APPLY TODAY

NOCP offers 3 different programs to select from.

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

PARTICIPANT

JULY 1-23, 2024  
21-DAY PROGRAM

TEAM LEADER

JUNE 26-JULY 29, 2024  
35-DAY PROGRAM

CAPTAIN-IN-TRAINING (CIT)

JUNE 23-JULY 29, 2024  
37-DAY CIT PROGRAM



\$2500

**Program Fee Includes:**

- Educational programming
- Food and lodging for the duration of your program
- Fishing gear
- CPR/First Aid certification

**Requirement:**

• Participants must be at least a RISING SENIOR (entering senior year in fall of 2024) by program date.

**Travel:**

All participants \*must arrive\* anytime on Monday, July 1 and depart any time on Tuesday, July 23

**Application Deadline is May 25!**

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 30**.

25 SPOTS REMAINING!

\$2500

**Program Fee Includes:**

- Educational programming
- Food and lodging for the duration of your program
- Fishing gear
- CPR/First Aid certification

**Role:**

Please see role description on our NOCP [About](#) page.

**Requirements:**

- Must be ages 18+
- NOCP Alumni will be given priority consideration
- Must be able to furnish a reference

**Travel:**

All team leaders \*must arrive\* anytime on Wednesday, June 26 and depart any time on Monday, July 29

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 30**.

5 TEAM LEADER SPOTS REMAINING!

\$2500

**Program Fee Includes:**

- Educational programming
- Food and lodging for the duration of your program
- Fishing gear
- USCG Boating Safely course
- CPR/First Aid certification

**Role:**

Please see role description on our NOCP [About](#) page.

**It is preferred that CITs:**

- Have attended NOCP previously or have boating/captaining experience
- Must be age 18+

**Travel:**

All participants \*must arrive\* anytime on Sunday, June 23 and depart any time on Monday, July 29

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 30**.

4 CIT SPOTS REMAINING!

## Payment Plans & Personalized Crowd Funding Link

When registering you will have the choice of paying the full amount up front, or splitting the cost up. If you opt for a payment plan, you'll place a card on file which you can use to make progress payments at any time. This card will also be used to automatically collect the remaining balance on the due date.

**On your confirmation email you will receive a special custom link:**

1. Use this link to make additional payments towards your balance
2. Copy & Share this link with friends and family who can help make payments towards your balance. If you opt to join our [Sponsor Page](#), we'll provide this link for potential sponsors
  1. Friends, family and sponsors can click on the link and make a payment towards your remaining balance
  2. You'll receive a notification with your new balance when they make a payment

Sincerely,  
Lukas and Taznah Reery  
NOCP 2023 Co-Directors  
Follow us on Instagram @ladlak.arnie.tribe and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/nocepfallteam](http://www.facebook.com/nocepfallteam)

**Share Your Payment Link**

Deposit Paid	\$400.00
Remaining Balance	\$2,100.00
Due Date	Feb 29, 2024

This is the balance as of Jan 11, 2024 and may not include additional payments made since then. Click the link below to get the most up to date balance.

Whatever is remaining on your balance on this date will automatically be charged to the card on file.

<https://usa.regfox.com/paynow/01H9F615G1JWHCME214> Copy

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1. Use this link to make additional payments toward your balance.
2. Copy & Share this link with your friends or family who can help make payments towards your balance.
3. They can click on the link and apply a payment toward your remaining balance.
4. You will receive a notification with your new balance when they make a payment.

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Please select the program you are applying for	Participant, Deposit Payment	\$400.00 now, \$2,100.00 on Feb 29
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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 **\$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.

## 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!

## 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.

# APPLICATION PROCESS

## For Participants

- Submit your application and a \$400 deposit by May 25
- Have a short phone interview with our staff!
- Receive your acceptance letter by May 30
- Buy a roundtrip flight to Kodiak, Alaska
- Fundraise! Find sponsors in

## For Captains-in-Training & Team Leaders

- Submit your application and a \$400 deposit by May 25
- Have a short phone interview with our staff!
- Receive your acceptance letter by May 30
- Buy a roundtrip flight to Kodiak, Alaska



your community!

- Pay your remaining balance by June 30
- If needed, apply for a scholarship
- Check the [packing list](#)
- Come to NOCP for an amazing adventure!

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## Questions?

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



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# National Ocean Challenge Program 2024 Application Form

## Program

Please select the program you are applying for\*

- Participant [24 remaining]  
Full Price: \$2,500
- Team Leader [5 remaining]  
Full Price: \$2,500
- Captain-in-Training [2 remaining]  
Full Price: \$2,500

*\$400 deposit is required today.*

Promo Code (Only for staff)

APPLY

- Add 3% to my payment to cover credit card fees. Reg Fox automatically calculates 3% of the full tuition owed (3% of \$2500=\$75).

Credit Card Fees \$0.00

**Deposit Due \$0.00**

## Personal Information

Name \*

First Name

Last Name

Gender

- Male
- Female

*\*Note: NOCP is open to incoming high school seniors (starting in fall of this year) and up*

Date of Birth

Month

Day

Year

Cell Phone



Email

Email Address

Confirm Email Address

Email Address

Address

United States of America

Street Address

City

State

ZIP Code

Hoodie size (men's size)

(Choose One)

Please vote for your favorite hoodie color from the 5 options below!\*

(Choose One)





Dusty Sage

Mustard

Eucalyptus Blue



Old Gold

Olive

## Reference

Please list a reference (pastor, youth pastor, etc). Your reference person cannot be a family member.

Reference Name

First Name



Last Name

Reference Email

Email Address

Reference Cell Phone



Your relationship with this person

## A bit about you

Have you attended NOCP before?

- Yes
- No

Please share why you are excited to attend NOCP.

What strengths are you excited to contribute to the program and the experience of its participants?

What are you hoping to gain from NOCP for yourself and also your local community?

Tell us a bit about yourself and what you're up to in life these days?

My idea of a hike is... (Scale of 1-5)

(Choose One)



We're looking for participants interested in supporting music/tech for NOCP. Would you like to contribute your talents in any of the following ways?

- As a song leader
- As a support singer
- Guitar player
- Piano player
- Tech/audio
- other

Due to the length and nature of our program, our staff has found it helpful to be aware of any matching processes occurring between participants that might be attending NOCP. This information is confidential to the Program Directors and Coordinators. If you are in a matching process with someone who else is attending NOCP, please let us know and one of our staff will reach out and



connect.

Are you in a matching process with someone who else is attending NOCP?

Yes

I am in a process with someone who is attending NOCP.

No

I will not be in a process with someone attending NOCP, however if that changes I will reach out to the Program Directors or Coordinators.

Please upload a headshot photo of yourself! \*

BROWSE

*If you sign up for the Sponsor Page mentioned below, we'll use this photo!*

## Sponsorship Page

A new Reg Fox feature allows you to share a link with friends a family so they can make a payment contribution towards your program fee and remaining balance. (How cool is that!)

We also put together an NOCP [Sponsor Page](#), a platform to empower you to share the vision and purpose of NOCP with potential sponsors! If you opt in, we'll post your first name, last initial, home state, and photo, along with your answer to the question below. A corresponding donation link (the same one you get in your registration confirmation) will allow sponsors you connect with to contribute directly towards **your participation fee** as opposed to donating to the program at large.

Would you like you be added to the sponsor page?

Yes

No

CLEAR SELECTION

## Medical Information / Parent Authorization / Legal Waiver

### In case of an emergency:

Parent's Name

First Name



Last Name

Parent's Email \*

Email Address

Parent's Cell \*



Yes, it's okay to send me text messages including confirmations, changes, and updates. Message frequency varies. Message and data rates may apply. [View our terms of service & privacy policy.](#)

Alternate Contact's Name \*

First



Last

Email \*

Email Address



Phone Number \*



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Relationship to you \*

## Health Information

Please note that this information will be held in confidence by the staff.

Do you have health insurance? \*

Yes

No

Policy Number \*

Name of Insurance \*

Health History: Are you subject to any of the following? (Check if "yes")

- Asthma
- Allergies
- Fainting Spells
- Diabetes
- Severe or frequent headaches
- Heart trouble
- Seizures
- Head injury/concussion
- Frequent bloody nose
- Skin conditions
- Back/joint problems
- Stomach or intestinal issues
- Trouble sleeping/sleepwalking
- Other recurrent/chronic condition

If you checked any conditions above, please explain

Do you have any medical or emotional conditions or concerns that the staff should be watchful for? (Please check if "yes")

- Depression
- Anorexia
- Bulimia
- Other, please explain below

If you checked any conditions above, please explain:

Do you have any allergic reactions to foods, medications, environmental of any kind? Please specify. \*

Do you have any dietary restrictions, sensitivities, or preferences? Please specify? \*

Please list any scheduled or as needed medications (over the counter or prescription) that you plan to take while attending NOCP. \*

### For adult participants:

**To my knowledge this medical history is correct. I acknowledge the inherent risks that exist with the outdoor and fishing activities planned during NOCP. Further I hereby release and forever discharge, and agree not to sue, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless, NOCP and its staff, directors, employees, and volunteers and each of them, from and against any and all liabilities and obligations of every kind and description, which I shall or may have against them or any one or more of them arising out of, or in connection with, my participation in NOCP activities, including, but not limited to, sickness or death caused by the COVID-19 virus or any other communicable disease, or for any personal injury or loss of personal property that I may suffer while participating in NOCP and activities, excepting in the case of gross negligence by NOCP.**

Participant's Signature \*

To my knowledge this medical history is correct. In consideration of the activity staff and organization for the effort to provide me with a nurturing and enriching experience, I hereby agree to assume complete responsibility for any costs, medical or other, incurred by me while attending this workshop. I will not legally implicate the event staff or HSA-UWC.

I, the undersigned, agree to the terms above.



Print Name\*

First

Last

## Required for participants age 21 and under

Parent's Signature \*

To my knowledge this medical history is correct. In consideration of the activity staff and organization for the effort to provide me with a nurturing and enriching experience, I hereby agree to assume complete responsibility for any costs, medical or other, incurred by me while attending this workshop. I will not legally implicate the event staff or HSA-UWC.

I, the undersigned, agree to the terms above.

Print Name\*

First

Last

## Code of Conduct

Upon acceptance in the **2024** National Ocean Challenge Program workshop, I will pledge to observe the following conditions and requirements and I understand that, if I fail to do so, my conduct will be grounds for immediate and unconditional expulsion from the National Ocean Challenge Program in Kodiak, Alaska:

- I will not indulge in smoking, drinking alcohol or in illegal drugs (including prescription). \*
- I will respect the property of others and that of the workshop center by not stealing or defacing private or public property, nor will I conceal and support such actions of others. \*
- I will respect and support all workshop rules and will encourage others to do the same. \*
- I will fully participate in all programs, meetings and class sessions unless poor health or injury renders me from doing so. \*
- I will respect and support the staff and all participants of the National Ocean Challenge Program workshop. I will not engage in, nor will I support any activity that may endanger the physical, emotional or spiritual well being of others. \*
- I will not engage in promiscuous or flirtatious behavior with members of the opposite sex. I will dress appropriately with no alluring, suggestive, tight-fitting or revealing attire. \*
- I will make every effort to conduct myself in a dignified, honorable and responsible manner befitting a Son or Daughter of God, an Owner of Cheon Il Guk and a Lord/Lady of Creation. \*
- I will support all safety rules by wearing a Coast Guard approved PFD(personal flotation device) at all times when on board boats while attending this National Ocean Challenge program. \*

Participant's Signature \*

I have read and I accept the National Ocean Challenge Program Code of Conduct and, by my signature below, I pledge to abide by the code and I will encourage others to do the same.

I, the undersigned, agree to the terms above.

Total Due Today

\$0.00

## Billing Information

Name \*

First

Last

Payment Method

Credit Card

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Credit Card \*

Card Number



Month



Year



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Address \*

United States of America



Street Address

City

State



ZIP Code

Email \*

Email Address



Confirm Email \*

Confirm Email Address

Phone Number \*



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