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NEWSLETTER



Calling all young adventurers!

Join National Ocean Challenge Program THIS summer



Calling all young adventurers!

Are you ready to embark on a life-changing ocean experience and experience the wonder of the Kodiak mountains? 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: At NOCP, we're all about empowering future leaders like YOU! 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: Experience the true meaning of stewardship as you immerse yourself in the beauty of 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.
- Ready to embark on the adventure of a lifetime? Don't miss your chance to join the National Ocean Challenge Program and make unforgettable memories with like-minded peers. Visit our website to learn more and reserve your spot today!
- **NEW this year** We're lowering our age minimum and INCOMING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS and up are invited to join!!

Dates:

Main Program: July 1-23, 2024

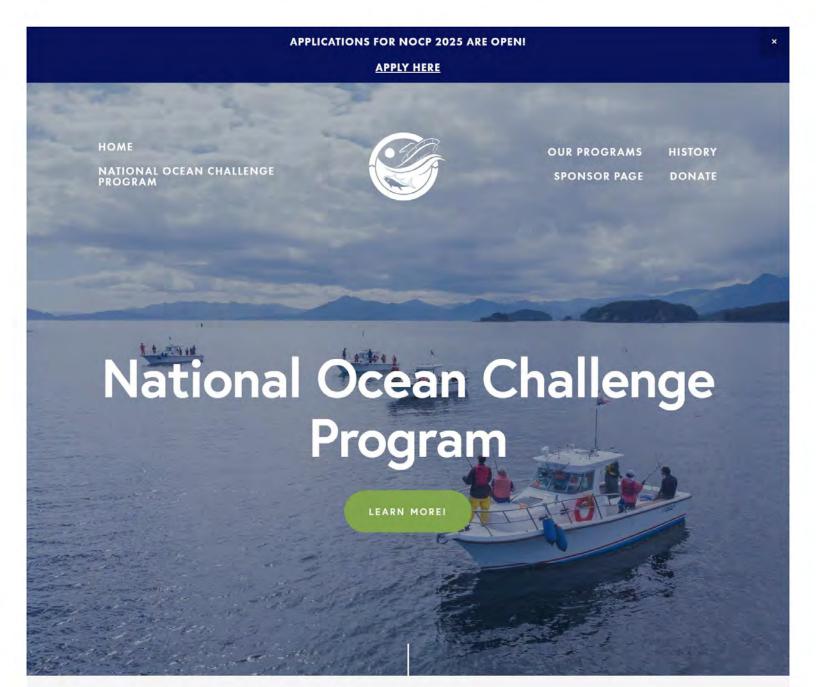
Team Leaders: June 26-July 29, 2024 Captains in Training: June 23-July 29, 2024 Registration is open and spots are filling fast!

www,kodiakoceantribe,org/about-nocp www,instagram,com/kodiak.ocean.tribe

Apply Now

Thank you for viewing this weeks
West Coast Region Newsletter

questions contact gvoneuw@ unification,org



"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 <u>faith</u> through experiencing God's love through nature



PROGRAM DETAILS

NOCP offers 2 different programs to select from for young adults ages 17+*

PARTICIPANT

JUNE 30 -JULY 22, 2025 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 20 participant spots available for 2025 so apply soon!

APPLY NOW

*Participants must be age 17+ by program date.



















Staff Roles

CAPTAIN-IN-TRAINING (CIT)

JUNE 22-JULY 28,2025 37-DAY PROGRAM

We are seeking three 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 3 CIT spots available.

It is preferred that CITs:

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

APPLY NOW



Learn to drive the boat! CIT's learning engine ...





Grilling fresh caught ...



All-staff overnight tri...



Post-program overnight

MEET THE 2025 STAFF TEAM



Lukas Bercy



Tasnah Bercy



Alina Button Program Assistant



Ben Buergi Workshop Director



Mihye Platt
Co-Coordinator



Eritin Learey
Co-Coordinator



Simran Rai Co-ordinator



Minoru Kageyama 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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PROGRAM DETAILS + FEES

Applications for 2025 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 2025) by program date.

NOCP offers 3 different programs to select from.

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

PARTICIPANT

CAPTAIN-IN-TRAINING (CIT)

21-DAY 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 2025) by program date.

Travel

All participants *must arrive* anytime on Monday, June 30 and depart any time on Tuesday, July 22

APPLY NOW

NOCP does a rolling acceptance for applications. You can expect to hear back from us within a week of applying. 37-DAY CIT PROGRAM

\$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 22 and depart any time on Monday, July 28

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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:

- Use this link to make additional payments towards your balance
- 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
 - 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

If you plan to pay by CHECK, please let us know when you have sent the check and we will apply a credit so that your card is not charged the remaining balance

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NDCP 2023 Co-Directors
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Share Your Payment Link

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Please kelect the program you are applying for Participant, Depositi Payment 52,100.00 on Feb 29.

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
- ☑ Have a short phone

For Captains-in-Training

Submit your application and a \$400 deposit by May 25

	interview with our staff!
V	Receive your acceptance letter by May 30

☑ Buy a roundtrip flight to Kodiak, Alaska

☑ Fundraise! Find sponsors in 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 nocp@kodiakoceantribe.org



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National Ocean Challenge Program 2025 Application Form

Program Please select the program you Participant [7 remaining] are applying for * Full Price: \$2,500 Captain-in-Training [1 remaining] Full Price: \$2,500 \$400 deposit is required today. Promo Code (Only for staff) APPLY (Optionally) add 3% to my payment to cover credit card fees (Does not apply to debit card payments). Reg Fox automatically calculates 3% of the full tuition owed (3% of \$2500=\$75). Alternatively you can pay by check to avoid fees! \$0.00 Credit Card Fees **Deposit Due** \$0.00 **Personal Information** Name*

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Reference Email	Email Address		
Reference Cell Phone			
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A bit about you			
Have you attended NOCP pefore?	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?			
Fell us a bit about yourself and what you're up to in life these days?			
ast year we had a record number of international participants! Let us know if you'll require a visa letter to come to Alaska	Yes, I will require and No, I do not need		·
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Conversely, if you're a native english speaker and can lend your skills in another language, et us know!			
My idea of a hike is (Scale of 1-5)	1: A nice flat path 2: 3:	through the woods :)	

Please rank your swimming	1 (I can't swim)
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	5 (I can swim in strong currents or could rescue someone else in the
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We're looking for participants	As a song leader
interested in supporting	As a support singer
music/tech for NOCP. Would	
you like to contribute your	Guitar player
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processes occurring between par Program Directors and Coordinate	our program, our staff has found it helpful to be aware of any matching rticipants that might be attending NOCP. This information is confidential to the tors. If you are in a matching process with someone who else is attending see of our staff will reach out and connect.
Are you in a matching process	Yes
with someone who else is	I am in a process with someone who is attending NOCP.
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.
If you sign u	p for the Sponsor Page mentioned below, we'll use this photo!
Sponsorship Page	
	u to share a link with friends a family so they can make a payment contribution emaining balance. (How cool is that!)
NOCP with potential sponsors! If with your answer to the question registration confirmation) will allo	consor Page, a platform to empower you to share the vision and purpose of you opt in, we'll post your first name, last initial, home state, and photo, along below. A corresponding donation link (the same one you get in your ow sponsors you connect with to contribute directly towards your donating to the program at large.
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	CLEAR SELECTION
Team Leader	
Share a brief paragraph describing your previous experience in a team leader role, what you're excited to	

bring to this role, and why you would like to apply as a team

leader for NOCP.

5: The steeper the better, I love the challenge!

I am confident in my faith in God & True Parents
I live a substance free lifestyle (drugs, alcohol, etc.)
I refrain from exclusive relationships with the opposite gender (outside of the matching and Blessing)
I enjoy living for the sake of others in my daily life
I have a compassionate heart towards my brothers and sisters
Yes
I will arrive on June 25
○ No
I will not be able to arrive on June 25. I understand this may limit my acceptance as a team leader.

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*		
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Alternate Contact's 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	Asthma	
to any of the following? (Check	Allergies	
f "yes")	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	
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Do you have any medical or	Depression	10
emotional conditions or	Anorexia	
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you plan to take while attending NOCP.*		- //
	Code of Conduct	
conditions and requirements and I u	nal Ocean Challenge Program workshop, I will pledge to observe the following understand that, if I fail to do so, my conduct will be grounds for immediate and ational 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 $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1$

by not stealing or de-facing private or public property, nor will I

conceal and support such actions of others.

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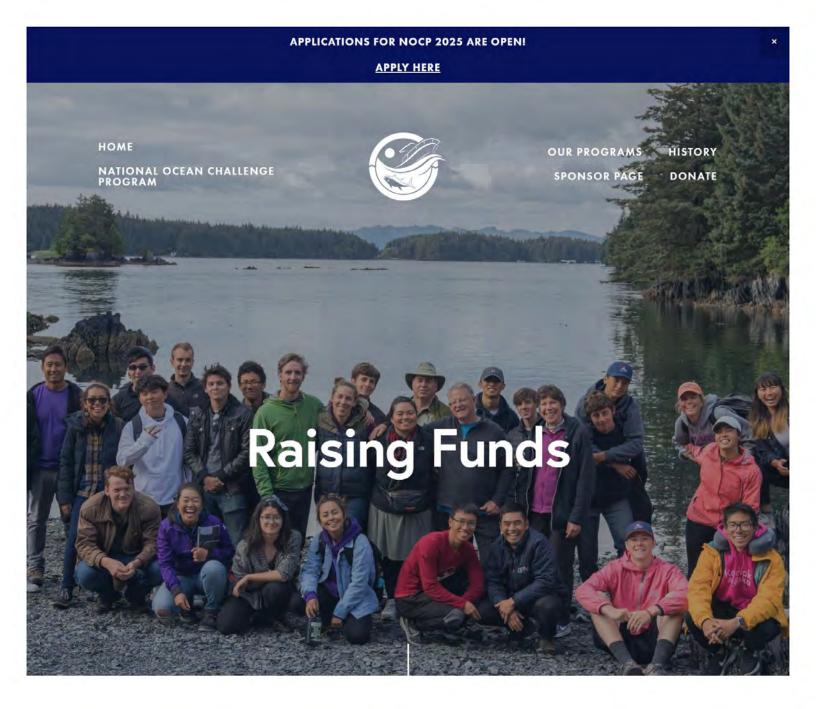




Yes, it's okay to send me text messages including confirmations, changes, updates, and/or promotions. Message frequency varies. Message and data rates may apply. View our terms of service & privacy policy.

SUBMIT





Get creative!

As a character and leadership training program, we encourage you to be creative in how you raise the funds to come to NOCP this summer! We also believe that the more you actively invest in securing these funds, the greater your experience at NOCP will be.



Here are some suggestions for ways to personally generate financial support:

- · Write out your own purpose statement for coming to NOCP:
 - Donors are most inspired to support you when you have a clear purpose for attending and can share how you hope to use your experience to benefit others.
 - o Share the purpose of NOCP, the details of the program, and our website

· Ask for support from people you know:

- Oreate a Go Fund Me campaign and invite friends and family to support your trip
- Approach your local Pastor and church community for support. Articulate how this training experience empowers you to contribute to your local community.
- · Approach older brothers and sisters in your community who would be excited to support this opportunity for you

· Ask for support from people you don't know (yet):

- · Ask local business owners to support your trip. (Think sporting store, tackle or outdoor gear shop, or your favorite mom and pop restaurant.) Local businesses are looking for awesome opportunities to donate to (tax benefit for them)! Here's a flyer you can print and share. (PS. Last year, Lukas Bercy approached a local business which was selling slightly used fishing rods, but after sharing about the program, the owner was so inspired he donated \$4,000 worth of rods to NOCP!)
- Look for grants and scholarships being offered by your local community

SCHOLARSHIPS

With great financial support from private donors, we are already able to subsidize 50% of the true cost of the program for participants, team leaders, and CITs.

As a character and faith training program, our sponsors and staff feel it's important for participants to own their experience. We believe that the more you actively invest in securing funds for the program, the clearer your motivation and intention for coming becomes, and the greater your experience at NOCP will be!

Thus, before seeking an NOCP scholarship, we ask all participants to fundraise and creatively seek sponsorships from their local communities, friends, and family first and demonstrate a sincere effort to raise funds.

Know that we are committed to supporting each young person who would like to participant in NOCP to do so. We understand that there are sometimes extenuating circumstances, so with the support of several generous donations, NOCP is able to offer a limited number of scholarships to support participants in attending. Scholarship amounts range from \$100 - \$900.

If needed, please fill out the scholarship application below after you have received your acceptance letter. All scholarship applicants are requested to be on the Sponsor Page.

Our staff will review your application and get back to you as soon as possible!

Questions can be directed to nocpkodiak@gmail.com.

APPLY HERE

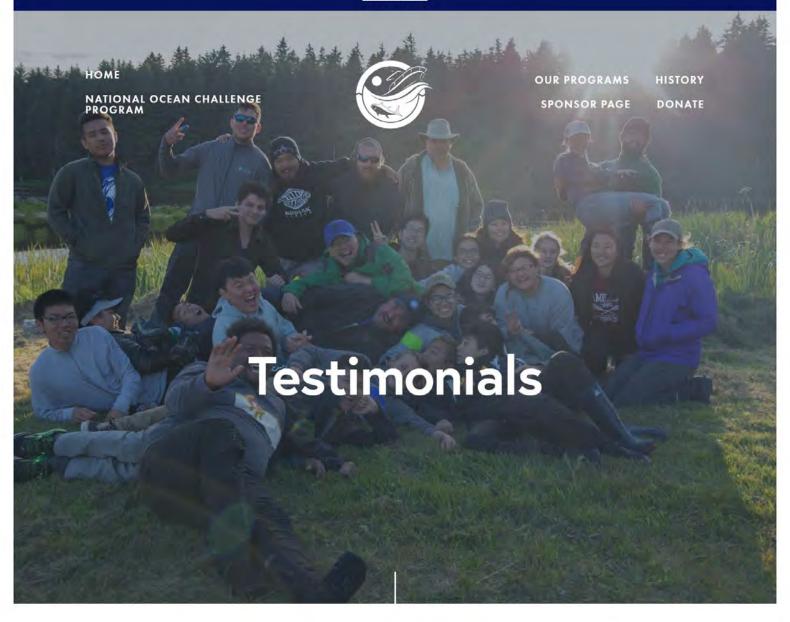


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"I gained a deeper understanding of God, TP and ocean providence. I felt like I experienced unconditional love, joy and freedom from God in a way I never felt before. NOCP gave me the space to reflect, digest and move forward. (2021 Participant)"

"NOCP was an incredible opportunity to push past physical limitations, feel God's love through the ocean, and understand True Parents heart on a deeper level."

"I was taught that perseverance and determination are some key factors on the ocean when trying to overcome obstacles. Always prepare for more than what you expect. Finally I learned that God is always with me whereever I go, even if I can't see him. He'll come when you need him most."

"I felt I learned much more deeply about God's love for me and others, in that It is unconditional and freely given. The creation around and the amazing experiences we had in the water helped me realize this. I also understand True Parents more as parents, who established NOCP because they want us all to have amazing, exciting lives and experiences with gods creation. (2021 Participant)"

"I really enjoyed the space and time to reflect on different things in my life. It was an opportunity to analyze different internal aspects and challenges I am facing and make new determinations moving forward. I also really enjoyed being in such a beautiful place. "

wants me to be happy. As much as he wants my fellow brothers and sisters to be happy, nothing matters if Im not. I really value exactly experiences I've had with the uncles and staff here. I feel everyone's sincerity and genuineness in their life of faith and saw that's something maybe I need to work on too. (2021 Participant)"

> "My top takeaways is that I have responsibility and ownership over the action that I make. (2021 Participant)"

"NOCP was a unique program like no other and I believe everyone brother and sister should be able to exprience something like Ocean Challenge."

"An amazing coupling of nature, spirituality, and fishing."

"NOCP was one of the best experiences I had in my life and has an atmosphere that can't be compared to anywhere else."

"NOCP fostered gratitude and perseverance. I have a more clear direction of where I want to go in life. (2021 Participant)"

"I got so much more than just ocean fishing. Of course ocean fishing was incredibly fun, but I also received a lot of love from the NOCP community and experienced spiritual connection and growth."

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