

FFWPU USA: National Ocean Challenge Program (NOCP) 2023 - Ocean Love Lessons

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"I hope experiencing teamwork on the ocean and connecting to the natural world in Alaska can help me become a future leader who creates a difference in our society," shared a young Unificationist from Hawaii. "With the experiences in NOCP, I know I can strengthen my personal relationship with God in [this] extraordinary environment."

From July 3 to 25, young participants from across the U.S. are embarking on a 21-day journey in Kodiak, Alaska, for the 2023 National Ocean Challenge Program ([NOCP](#)). For some, it's an opportunity for new experiences and self-discovery. For others, the program aligns with a heartfelt calling.

"[I] have been looking forward to NOCP ever since I was told that there was a program relating to my passion for marine zoology," shared a young Unificationist from Connecticut. "I thought it would be nice to use this passion to deepen my relationship with God and True Parents, to continue finding the path towards my ideal self, and to find how I can personally contribute to ocean providence."

Despite various reasons for registering, each participant seeks to challenge themselves and grow. True Parents, the founders of NOCP, practiced patience and perseverance while spending long hours on the water to catch fish. Similarly, NOCP participants will hone these skills and more, developing their faith, confidence, character, and leadership ability.

"What matters to God is my growth into becoming a man [of] integrity and true love," shared a young Unificationist from California. "That's why I chose to do Ocean Challenge. Plus, I love the ocean, and I've never been fishing before so I am very excited."

"I want to deepen my experience of God's love through His creation and learn more about God and True Parents' heart for the ocean," shared another Unificationist from Kodiak. "By understanding and grasping such hearts they have, I want to use that to keep giving love to others during my time in CARP, my college journey, and wherever God guides me."

With such aspirations, NOCP participants sometimes face financial limitations. However, community members can support our young people, or the program itself, through sponsorship and donations of any amount. Ultimately, the ocean, as True Father noted, is a "wonderful teacher" that provides an invaluable education.

You can learn more about NOCP [here](#), and sponsor participants or donate to the program [here](#).

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Kodiak Ocean Tribe

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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 2023

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 2023

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Give the gift of an epic adventure
 and sponsor a participant to come to NOCP this summer!

Profiles from participants seeking sponsorship are listed below!

...OR DONATE TO THE PROGRAM AS A WHOLE

All donations made on behalf of an NOCP participant, team leader, or captain-in-training are applied directly to their payment account, offsetting their current balance.

Recipients will receive notice of their sponsor's name and the amount contributed.

Donations made directly to participants are not tax deductible. Donations to the program as a whole are tax deductible.

Thank you for choosing to contribute towards a life changing experience for these young people!

Our 2023 Participants



Munetsugu Kojima - CT
Sponsor Goal: \$2000

Hello everyone! I am currently a 2nd year GPA participant and have been looking forward to NOCP ever since I was told that there was a program relating to my passion for marine zoology. I thought it would be nice to use this passion to deepen my relationship with God and True Parents, to continue finding the path towards my ideal self, and to find how I can personally contribute to ocean providence. Thank you!

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Seiji Lindstrom - OH
Sponsor Goal: \$2100

My goal for participating in NOCP is to get out of my routine. When my dad passed away this January, what I felt was that I wanted to be the man my father raised me to be. But I have been stuck in myself, not living up to that feeling. I know that NOCP will push me to confront what I must face. I am working hard to raise the funds needed to attend, but I am so grateful to you as anything offered is less I have to worry about.

Much love and gratitude, Seiji Lindstrom

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Megu Kurita - HI
Sponsor Goal: \$1000

Hi, my name is Megu and I am 18 years old, from Honolulu, HI. I have always been passionate about the ocean and been part in many different ocean sports such as surfing, scuba diving, and sailing. Whenever I am out in the ocean, I feel a lot of joy and love from God. By going to NOCP, I want to gain a deeper understanding of the ocean providence and grow my faith and relationship with God and True Parents. I hope that I can share my experiences to my local community and my friends and continue to grow as a future leader for the better good of this world. Thank you!

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Sonse Kawasaki - HI
Sponsor Goal: \$1000

ALOHA EVERYONE! My name is Sonse and I am 18 years old, living on the beautiful islands of Hawaii. Currently, I'm attending college while serving as a CARP leader. In college, I am determined to pursue a degree in the business field to become a future world leader. Although it's far from now, I hope experiencing teamwork on the ocean and connecting to the natural world in Alaska can help me become a future leader who creates a difference in our society. With the experiences in NOCP, I know I can strengthen my personal relationship with God in the extraordinary environment of Alaska. Thank you!

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Daniel Avramenko - WA
Sponsor Goal: \$1000

I am Daniel Avramenko, a second gen from Seattle Washington with a passion to live for others, to serve for others, to help others. I would like to attend NOCP to participate in a hands-on experience of Gods Creation aswell as understand the Divine Principle with the many other topics we intend to go over during this life-changing experience. I would like to be sponsored so I can make my wish of attending NOCP to the fullest, motivated by the many testimonies from my community, come true.

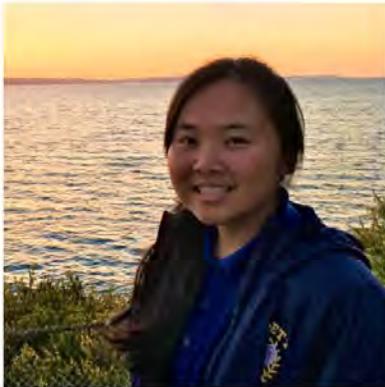
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Keanu Wright - CA
Sponsor Goal: \$2000

Hello, I'm Keanu I'm 22 years old from California. I planned not to attend Ocean Challenge this year because of the cost. However, this year God taught me that money is not the end goal. What matters to God is my growth into becoming a man integrity and true love. That's why I chose to do Ocean Challenge. Plus I love the ocean and I've never been fishing before so I am very excited. I wont make the claim that anyone has any moral obligation to support me, but I'm grateful for any support.

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Emiri Ohki
Sponsor Goal: \$600

I am Emiri Ohki, and I've been active in CARP DMV after doing GPA. I am excited to participate in Ocean Challenge in Kodiak, my hometown. I am interested in this program because I want to deepen my experience of God's love through His creation and learn more about God and True Parents' heart for the ocean. By understanding and grasping such hearts they have, I want to use that to keep giving love to others during my time in CARP, my college journey, and wherever God guides me. I hope you can support my goals and intentions for doing NOCP. Any donation will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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Our 2023 Team Leaders





Sarah Bercy - AK
Sponsor Goal: \$1250

I am a second generation member who received the Blessing in 2022. I grew up in the Chicago community, and moved to the Kodiak community to teach choir at the middle and high schools. My husband has been a deckhand on charter boats for the last few summers, and I'm learning how to connect to the fishing lifestyle. I hope that you can support my endeavors to fall in love with fishing like True Parents did, as well as my husband and our community.

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Our 2023 Captains-in-Training



Francesc Babi - Andorra
Sponsor Goal - \$400

Ahoi! I'm Francesc and I grew up in the woods! Last year's experience made me see the value in what Heavenly Parents and True Parents have given us: community. By being a CIT in Ocean Challenge, I hope I can support the captains and the program so that everyone can feel the Ocean Providence in Kodiak. I hope I can share my passion for nature and food with everyone! If you want to support me in this journey, come join the program! If not, if you wish to support in other ways, any donation will be deeply appreciated!

Fish is love <3

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Benjamin Buerger - CA
Sponsor Goal: \$1500

My name is Benjamin, and I am a college student studying psychology to become a counselor. I'm returning to NOCP a second time because I have found this program to be a genuinely life-changing experience. The opportunity for a deep connection with God through His creation and education within the program has helped me greatly over the past few years.

I look forward to learning and experiencing even more this year.

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Your donations make an epic summer possible!

"I realized that one of God's gifts to us is nature, and to ignore it is to ignore an aspect of God's heart."

— 2022 PARTICIPANT



2022 recap video

"Ocean Challenge was my next step in my life of faith, a place I could go to the 0 point and reconnect to God and myself before starting a new chapter in my life."

— 2022 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."

— 2021 PARTICIPANT

"Kodiak is a place of meditation, healing, nurturing, and prayer. There is a strong sense of mission and goals here. God is able to give freely here."

— 2022 PARTICIPANT

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\$120

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...of ONE WEEK on NOCP

\$840

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...of ONE FULL unforgettable NOCP summer

\$2,500

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...of TWO FULL unforgettable NOCP summers

\$5,000

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...of NOCP to a WHOLE TEAM this summer

\$12,500

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HSA-UWC Ocean Church
1936 Selief Lane, KODIAK, AK 99615

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