

Matanuska Glacier Adventure

June 4th



Adventure!

- Hike the Matanuska Glacier
- Learn glacier travel
- Enjoy a pizza party at the end

Culture!

- Learn about traditional Ahtna trails through the Matanuska Valley
- Learn traditional Ahtna place names

Liberty Falls

June 11th



Adventure!

- Climb a small mountain
- Explore Liberty Falls
- Cook burgers and hotdogs over an open fire
- Build your own fire with flint and steel

Culture!

- Learn traditional place names

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Lion's Head Adventure

June 18th



Adventure!

- Climb up to the top of Lion's Head
- Explore a small cave
- See the Matanuska Glacier
- Celebrate with a picnic before you go home

Culture!

- Learn traditional place names
- Learn the traditional story about the mountain's formation

Fishwheel Day Trip

June 25th



Adventure!

- Help operate a fishwheel
- Cook your own fish over a fire
- Play games
- Roast s'mores

Culture!

- Learn traditional harvesting practices
- Discuss 'engii and how it relates to our use of salmon

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Gunsight Mountain Adventure

July 2nd



Adventure!

- Climb to the top of Gunsight Mountain
- Look for early berries
- Look for Dall sheep in a traditional Ahtna hunting ground

Culture!

- Learn traditional place names
- Learn about historical Ahtna travel in this direction

Worthington Glacier Adventure

July 9th

Fun!

- Climb up on the edge of a glacier
- Hike up a knife edge trail above the Worthington Glacier
- Learn how glaciers have shaped the land in Alaska

Culture

- Learn Ahtna language related to glaciers
- Learn traditional techniques and practices used for navigating glaciers



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Mud Volcano Hike

July 16th



Fun!

- Hike to the Tolsona Mud Volcanos
- Play in the mud
- Cook S'mores and hotdogs

Culture!

- Learn Ahtna language in relation to the mud volcano and the history around it

Valdez Day Trip

July 23rd



Adventure!

- Explore Thompson Pass
- Play games in the Valdez Rec Center
- Order Pizza for lunch

Culture!

- Learn traditional place names
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Klutina Rafting and Culture Activities

July 30th



Adventure!

- End your summer with a party by the Klutina River
- Raft down the Klutina River with professional river guides
- Cookout with friends around a campfire
- Rafting will require an additional waiver submitted by July 23

Culture!

- Participate in culture camp activities, such as plant identification, language activities, traditional storytelling, and traditional wilderness skills.

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Overnight Trips

McCarthy Packrafting and Glacier Adventure

June 25th -26th



Adventure!

- Strap on a pair of crampons and enjoy exploring the Root Glacier
- Learn how to paddle your own packraft on a lake
- Leave the lake to paddle an easy river
- If you feel adventurous



Culture!

- Learn traditional place names
- Learn about historical Ahtna travel in this direction
- Learn about the Ahtna people and their relationship to copper and trading



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Nebesna Road Camping and Backpacking

July 17th-19th



Adventure!

- Explore an abandoned mining area.
- Listen to hunting stories around a campfire
- Grab a pack for an overnight adventure hiking up into the mountains.

Culture!

- Learn about historical migration patterns and traditional village sites



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Cantwell and Denali Trip

August 2nd-6th

Adventure!

- Take a bus ride into Denali National Park to see bears, caribou, wolves and other animals.
- Paddle down a river
- Hike up a small mountain

Culture!

- Learn about the importance of Cantwell to Ahtna country and its relationship with the other 7 villages
- Hear traditional Ahtna stories from the Cantwell area
- Discuss dialect differences in the Ahtna language



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Culture Camp Collaborations

Youth Development will be collaborating with other organizations throughout the community to attend their Culture Camps. These are great opportunities for youth to spend time in nature and immersed in cultural learning.

Camps

- Klutina Culture Camp, Ahtna Heritage Foundation: June 12 & 13 (Day-camp)
- Healing Our Community, Native Village of Tazlina: June 20 & 21
- Batzulnetas Culture Camp, Mentasta Traditional Council: July 25-29 (CRNA will attend July 27-28)
- Migratory Bird Camp, Ahtna Inter-Tribal Resource Commission: August 8-10

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