

2019 Planning Guide

# Northern Lights High Adventure Base



**“To the lover of wilderness, Alaska is one of the most wonderful countries in the world.” — John Muir, *Travels in Alaska***

# About Us

Northern Lights High Adventure (NLHA) is a program dedicated to the development of young leaders, set within the great Alaskan backcountry. With the pillars of Scouting as the foundation, we offer unparalleled outdoor experiences that will challenge and build the leaders of tomorrow, while promoting teamwork and creating memories that last a lifetime.



## NLHA Trek Structure

### Crew

All participants belong to a crew consisting of at least two adult leaders, a Senior Patrol Leader, and a majority of youth participants. A Northern Lights High Adventure Trek Leader accompanies all crews.

Crew maximum is 12 participants including adult leaders, and all youth must be 14+ years old at the time of the trek.



## **Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) or President**

Scouting is specifically designed to develop youth leadership. A well-qualified Scout or Venturer should be selected as the SPL or President early in the planning of each Northern Lights High Adventure Expedition. The SPL or President is responsible for leading the pace of travel during the day and establishing the crew duty roster for camp chores.

## **NLHA Trek Leader**

The Trek Leader is a highly trained, adult Northern Lights High Adventure staff member who serves as a teacher and resource for your Crew. The Trek Leader reinforces the principles of Scouting, and is trained in outdoor education, orienteering, and wilderness first aid. Each Crew is led by a pair of NLHA Trek Leaders responsible for imparting the unique flavor, history, culture and adventurous spirit of Alaska. Trek Leaders will consult and communicate through the SPL during the trek, but in order to ensure the highest level of safety they have the right to make all final decisions.

# **Planning Your Trip**

**The first step to planning your Northern Lights High Adventure expedition is to answer the following questions:**



- 1) What are the goals for your adventure? (Teamwork, individual leadership development, physical challenge, etc.)
- 2) What activities or locations unique to Alaska are you most interested in? (Canoeing, sightseeing, history, merit badge, etc.)
- 3) What are the desired dates and time period you wish to spend in Alaska?
- 4) What is the necessary preparation, personal gear, and training your Crew will need prior to coming to Alaska?

Each trek is customized to meet the unique goals for your Crew, and designed with the best possible weather conditions in mind.

You will then be sent a trek itinerary and cost estimate to finalize with your Crew, and to use as a basis for your reservation.

# Choosing Your Adventure

**All locations and trek details are subject to change due to weather and land use permitting.**

Alaska is vast and comprised of diverse landscapes, history, and wilderness opportunities. Each trek is customized to the skill sets and goals of the Crew, and can include additional options not listed here.

**In order to experience the best opportunities possible for your crew, it is recommended to contact CJ Stewart at [Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.org](mailto:Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.org) or by Calling the Midnight Sun Council Office at (907)452-1976. Larry Gumina the NLHA Backcountry Trek Manager is also available to answer questions, he has a wealth of back country information as we will both work closely with you as you plan: 732-284-7379 [laurence.gumina@gmail.com](mailto:laurence.gumina@gmail.com)**

All treks are welcomed from the Fairbanks airport by NLHA Trek Leaders, and typically spend the first day visiting the Morris Thompson Cultural & Visitors Center to learn about the rich history of the “Golden Heart City” and set the tone for the experiences to come in this beautiful place. Trek Leaders go over required gear, and Crews have the opportunity to pick up anything they have forgotten at one of the local sporting goods stores. Trek Leaders will make sure Crews have a few opportunities to shop for local souvenirs, as well as spend time in the Midnight Sun Council and NLHA Scout Shop during their visit.

## Popular NLHA Trek Destinations

### Yukon River (Northeastern Alaska)

The 6-day, 158-mile canoe trek offers a total remote experience while floating through the Yukon-Charley Preserve. While on the river you will visit areas of the early gold rush. Crews stop at actual homesteads to learn about the subsistence lifestyle of Interior Alaska. Other stops include a visit to Slaven’s Roadhouse, a gold dredge, and an old miners camp. This river, though not technically difficult, is very remote.

### Birch Creek (Northeast Interior)

Birch Creek is part of the National Wild Scenic River System. From its headwaters north of the Steese National Conservation Area, this river flows swiftly through upland plateaus, forested valleys, and rolling hills. The creek offers ample time for fishing arctic grayling. This 117 mile canoe trip is rated predominately Class I-III. Advanced canoeing skills are required.



### **Prindle Mountain (Northeast Interior)**

This 1-2 day, 18-mile round-trip hike follows the ancient and weathered ridges of the magnificent Steese Mountains. Expansive alpine tundra meadows and near endless sunlight make this the ideal spot to begin a trip into the high country of Alaska. While shorter in duration, this trek includes rocky terrain and elevation challenges as well as sudden weather changes. This hike is often paired with the Pinnell Mountain trek.

### **Pinnell Mountain (Northeast Interior)**

The Pinnell Mountain trek is both rugged and remote as it leads crews entirely above tree line and offers sweeping views of the White Mountains and some of the oldest exposed rock tors in Alaska. This 27-mile, 3-4 day backpacking trek is beautiful as it is challenging, tackling numerous mountain summits. Caribou from the Forty Mile Herd, as well as Dall's sheep, are often seen throughout the area.

### **Gates of the Arctic and the Brooks Range (North Slope Alaska)**

North of the Arctic Circle lies the Brooks Range and Gates of the Arctic National Preserve. These are untrailed lands of pristine beauty and extremely remote. This trek is ideal for advanced hikers looking for a long, challenging through-hike, where crews can traverse the continental divide, cross rivers, and summit peaks. Experience direct and full sunlight - the true midnight sun! - during late June and all of July. Hikes are 30 miles and up. The drive to the Brooks Range from Fairbanks is beautiful, but takes a full day along dirt roads, and a full day upon return. Hiking is strenuous.



### **Kesugi Ridge and the Alaskan Range (Southwest Interior)**

This hike skirts the southern flanks of the magnificent mountains and high glaciers of Denali, the highest peak on the continent. Crews will hike across the arctic tundra and down into the temperate rainforests of the climate-diverse Alaskan Range. Hikes can be arranged between 17 and 38 miles. Terrain varies from easy to strenuous. This trek is often partnered with a Denali National Park visit and/or bus tour.

## Tangle Lakes/Delta River

### (Southern Interior)

The Tangle Lakes is another beautiful canoe float through the national wild and scenic river systems. This 32-mile trip runs through the glacier-carved Amphitheater Mountains with pristine wilderness on either side. On clear days, the high peaks of the Alaskan range can be seen to the north. This river is a remote and clear alpine river with a short but intense stretch of Class III rapids. Experienced canoeists only.



## Isabelle Pass and the Alaskan Range

### (Southern Interior)

Travel along the beautiful Old Valdez Trail, which cuts through the Alaska Range, and provides access to numerous glaciers, diverse landscapes and stunning views. Crews can hike all of the glacier trails listed here, or choose between them.

Gulkana Glacier is our most popular glacier trek, featuring a one-day-hike through beautifully rugged, rocky terrain. For more adventurous types, (weather permitting,) there is a river crossing and the opportunity to get right up to the glacier — or even up on the glacier! Camping a few miles back in the valley allows for spectacular views of the ice fields and Alaskan Range. Hiking ranges from an easy to moderate six miles.

Castner Glacier is a more difficult hike than Gulkana, but is a beautiful setting for a two-day trip next to and eventually over the glacier, winding through the Alaskan Range. A one-day hike is also a popular and less strenuous option to see the glacier cave and a colorful display of river rock and summer wildflowers along the banks.



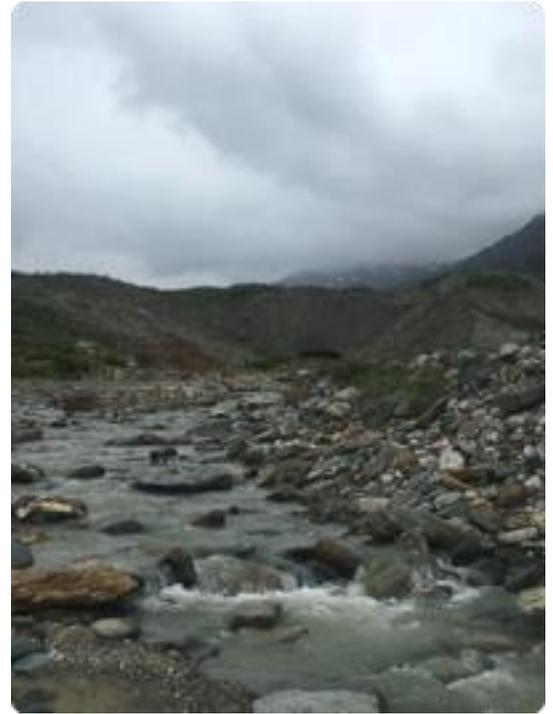
Canwell Glacier typically begins with one night camping in Rainbow Canyon, and may include a one-day or overnight hike next to the glacier. The landscape next to the glacier offers endless opportunity for off-trail exploration.

### **Amphitheater Mountains (Southern Interior)**

This sub-range of the Alaskan Range boasts young and jagged glacier-carved peaks that surround your hike out through gaps in the mountains. Head out to Sevenmile Lake, and explore the hanging valleys leftover from glaciers long ago. There is ample fishing for greyling and rainbow trout. The drive to this location on the iconic Denali Highway has beautiful scenery and history. Hikes are for moderate skill levels.

### **Donoho Basin and the Wrangell Mountains (Southeastern Alaska)**

For crews looking for significant wilderness challenges, there are a variety of choices within the Wrangell Mountain Range. Mount Wrangell is an active volcano, and the range boasts some of the youngest mountains in Alaska. Transportation from Fairbanks via the Glennallen Highway affords fabulous views of the mountains. Advanced, strenuous hikes in very remote backcountry include opportunities to cross glaciers (with crampons!), and summit high peaks covered in ice. Here crews are likely to see bears in their natural habitat. Advanced hiking levels are required and mileage varies.



# Trek Add-Ons

## Alaska Salmon Bake

Most Crews spend their final evening in Alaska at the Great Alaskan Salmon Bake. All you can eat Salmon is fire-cooked on an open wood grill along with Prime Rib, Alaskan Cod, and a large variety of sides and desserts buffet-style. Often this is the perfect setting to enjoy a delicious meal and reflect on the adventure as a Crew before going home.

## Riverboat Discovery Sternwheeler

Your three-hour riverboat cruise takes you into the heart of Alaska! Visit the home and kennels of the late four-time Iditarod winner Susan Butcher and see her champion sled dogs in action. Be immersed into the Athabaskan Native culture, watch a bush pilot demonstration, and shop in the trading post aboard.

## Gold Dredge 8

Enjoy the rich history of Fairbanks' gold rush days as you take a seat aboard a replica of the narrow-gauge Tanana Valley Railroad and hear of tales of prospectors during the gold rush. Once the train arrives at the camp, try panning for yourself!

## Valdez Sea Kayaking

Paddle amongst spectacular glaciers and pristine coastal ecosystems, with common wildlife sightings that may include sea otters, seals, eagles, puffins, and many other Alaskan species. This option includes a drive to Valdez and is available for all skill levels.



## Klutina River Salmon Fishing (Southeastern Alaska)

The Klutina River flows east from Klutina Lake to the Copper River at Copper Center. The river is a glacial fed system with Class III – IV whitewater and has excellent fishing for sockeye and king salmon, Dolly Varden and arctic grayling as well as some rainbow trout.

King salmon are available in July and early August, sockeye salmon from June through August, and all other fish are available from June through October.



## Lost Lake Resident Camp

The NLHA Base is located at Lost Lake Scout Camp, offering gun and archery sports, high and low COPE courses, hiking, fishing, canoeing, and other waterfront activities. Camp Lost Lake is on over 400 acres between the Tanana River and Birch Lake on the beautiful 90 acre Lost Lake. Treks are invited to spend a few days during their visit, or attend Scout Camp in addition to their backcountry experience.

For more information on attending camp, visit [midnightsunbsa.org/lost-lake-scout-camp](http://midnightsunbsa.org/lost-lake-scout-camp).

**Looking for something else? NLHA is happy to facilitate additional adventures of all kinds: hot springs, sled dog demonstrations, hunting (Venturing crews only), deep sea fishing, rafting, climbing, and much more!**

## Crew Requirements

### All participants:

- Must be 14 years of age or have completed 8th grade upon arrival at NLHA



- Must weigh 100 lbs. and no more than 295 lbs.
- Must have a current (within 12 months) and complete BSA Health and Medical Record
- Must be classified as a BSA swimmer (float treks only) (swim checks will be done at the NLHA Base upon arrival to verify that participants are able to swim in Alaskan waters.)
- Must be a registered Boy Scout, Varsity Scout or Venturer
- WILDERNESS FIRST AID AND CPR CERTIFICATION – Each Crew must present proof that one adult leader is currently certified in CPR and one adult leader is currently certified in Wilderness First Aid.

- BSA E-CERTIFICATIONS – The following trainings can be found at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org). Each Crew must present proof that at least one adult leader has training in each of the following:
  - BSA Safety Afloat
  - BSA Safe Swim Defense
  - BSA Weather Hazards
- BSA YOUTH PROTECTION – All adult leaders must present proof of current Youth Protection Training. This training can be found at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org).
- SWIMMING CLASSIFICATION RECORD - All participants (both youth and adult) must successfully complete the BSA Swimmers' Test. Test will be given upon arrival to NLHA Base.
- BSA HEALTH AND MEDICAL FORMS –All participants must submit complete and current (within 1 year) Medical Forms and meet the age and height/weight requirements.

### **Fishing License**

It is recommended that all fishing licenses be purchased online in advance of your trip through <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/store/>. All Alaska residents and nonresidents age 16 or older must purchase and possess a sport fishing license to participate in Alaska sport and personal use fisheries. For additional information on types of licenses and requirements visit the Alaska Fish and Game Department website at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/>. Please confirm fishing dates with NLHA prior to purchase, and make sure to bring documents with you.



# Physical Conditioning and Preparation

To ensure safety, all participants must be trained and physically prepared to enjoy a rugged canoe or backpacking trip.

You must get a physical examination from your physician within 12 months of your High Adventure expedition. No other form other than the BSA Health and Medical Record will be accepted upon arrival. Alongside the importance of a complete BSA physical, physical training and conditioning is recommended for all NLHA expeditions.

On a canoe trip, you may be paddling 10 miles a day or more in windy conditions, and may carry as much as 85 pounds across a portage. On a backpacking trip you may be hiking 8 miles a day or more in alpine environments with packs that may weigh as much as 60 pounds

Trek crews often condition together, making them physically and mentally prepared to work as a productive and efficient unit. A monthly “shakedown” where a crew may take practice hikes



with packs, overnight backpacking trips, paddling experience, or other physical fitness activities of the like have often proven beneficial to past participants. **Due to the intensity of the hiking in certain areas of Alaska, NLHA highly recommends monthly shakedowns to begin at least 3 months prior to Alaskan arrival.** All participants should be present for each of the shakedowns. This will not only prepare the crew for the physical challenges of Alaska, but it will also help build the bonds of the crew, trust in the leader, as well as trust in each other that will allow them to perform as a unit. **Certain backpacking expeditions such as those in the Wrangell Mountains as well as those expeditions in the Gates of the Arctic will require crew shakedowns. Please refer to the director and/or trek manager for more details.**

Anyone with significant hypertension should be treated before coming to NLHA to reduce their blood pressure and bring it as close as possible to normal (as recommended by a doctor). They

should continue blood pressure medication per their doctor’s orders while participating on the expedition. Hypertension can increase the risk of angina or stroke. Participants will be carrying heavy loads over steep and rocky trails and will experience strenuous activity in remote areas. Consider the effect of altitude and exertion on personal physical fitness.

# Required Personal Gear for All Participants

**(Quality gear is essential for Alaska! Frog Togg brand rain gear has a track record of being destroyed within the first 3 miles...Highly recommend quality vinyl or rubber infused rain gear)**

## Footwear

- 1 pair of waterproof hiking boots, ankle support recommended
- 1 pair of closed-toe water shoes with soles designed for rocky terrain
- Shower shoes recommended for NHLA Base
- 3-4 pairs of wool hiking socks; please no cotton socks



## Lower Body

- 1 pair of long underwear thermals, mid or expedition weight; synthetic or wool only
- 1 pair of waterproof rain pants, Gore Tex preferred
- 1-2 pairs nylon hiking pants

## Upper Body

- 1 long underwear or thermal long sleeve shirt, mid or expedition weight; synthetic or wool only
- 2 dri fit/wicking t-shirts, no cotton
- 1 fleece jacket or pullover
- 1 warm jacket, synthetic fill preferred
- 1 waterproof rain jacket, Goretex preferred

## Required Accessories

- Sun hat, baseball cap or bucket hat
- Knit/winter hat, wool or synthetic
- Sunglasses

- Winter gloves, waterproof preferred
- Swimsuit (Float trek only)

### **Required Personal Gear**

- 1 sleeping bag rated 20 G or colder
- 1 sleeping pad
- 1 waterproof bag for clothing, 20 liter+
- 1 waterproof bag for sleeping bag
- 2-3 small stuff sacks
- 1 mess kit, including bowl, spoon, fork
- 2 one liter water bottles
- 1 two liter camelbak/platypus
- Personal care items: toothbrush/toothpaste, camp soap, etc.
- Towel
- Personal first-aid kit, including blister care and moleskin

### **Optional Personal Gear**

- Leatherman or pocket knife
- Sunscreen
- Wristwatch
- Insect repellent, mosquito head net
- 1-2 bandanas
- Water repellent notebook/pen



- Lip Balm
- Binoculars
- Headlamp (August treks only)
- Compass
- Trekking Poles
- Book
- Cash for souvenirs
- State of Alaska fishing gear/license



option to purchase once arrived or you can purchase on line before you get here.

### **Required Crew Gear**

- Backpacking tents and ground tarp for each, recommend sharing as appropriate
- One water filter per 5-7 people, or 2 per crew minimum; recommend MSR or Katadyn hand pump

### **Gear Provided by NLHA**

- Crew Gear: crew first aid kit, stoves, fuel, pots/pans, dining fly, canoes, paddles, life jackets, duct tape, paracord, trowels, toilet paper, bear cans
- First-Aid Equipment
- All food while on trail and meals on base
- Lodging at base the night your Crew arrives and the night before you leave, and transportation during trek
- NLHA Trek Leader to accompany you for the entire trip
- Emergency satellite communications device
- Maps and orientation gear
- Bear spray
- Special Participant Patch
- Land use permits, camping fees
- Camper's Accident Insurance

# Trek Safety

The Boy Scouts of America and NLHA emphasize safety through education and strict adherence to established policies and procedures. The safety of your group is dependent upon attention to these procedures, following instruction given by the NLHA Trek Leader, being physically fit, the right gear, and trained for the level of intensity.

The policies and procedures of NLHA and the Boy Scouts of America, if followed, will minimize these risks. Parents, leaders and participants should be advised that despite our best attempts at risk management, it is not possible to remove ALL risk from a wilderness expedition.

Possible risks include (but are not limited to): motor vehicle accidents; severe weather conditions such as hail, lightning, heat or cold and high winds; forest fires; medical conditions such as heart attack, appendicitis, hypothermia, severe allergies and asthma or diabetes related conditions; insect borne diseases such as the West Nile Virus and Lyme Disease; accidents such as cuts, embedded fish hooks, burns or falls; risks associated with being on large, cold lakes and rivers; and encounters with wildlife.

Medical evacuations and rescue services are coordinated by NLHA in close coordination with local authorities.

**Please go over this information with all participants and their families before arrival. If you have any further questions, please contact C.J. Stewart, NLHA Director: 907.452.1976 [Clinton.Stewart@scouting.org](mailto:Clinton.Stewart@scouting.org).**



## Backcountry Policies

### The Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace

As Scouts, The Outdoor Code and the principles of Leave No Trace are foundations in everything that we do. Alaska's pristine wilderness is something to be enjoyed and shared with others for generations to come. Your Trek Leaders will advise you on proper management of food and waste, leaving minimal trail impact, and practicing backcountry etiquette.

### Food and Smellables

Bears, and other wildlife, are drawn to the smell of human food. NLHA provides bear canisters for your food and 'smellables' at night. Use of the canisters is necessary. Remember, scented items (toothpaste, soaps, lip balm, etc. may also attract animals. Your Trek Leader will educate crew members on safety

procedures. **Whether on the trail or on base, do not take food into any tent or cabin!**

### **Respect Wildlife**

Crews will encounter Alaskan wildlife in their journey. While actual sightings cannot be guaranteed, moose, bear, wolves, otters, beavers, marmot, wolverines, eagles, caribou, fish, and more will be living in the frontier as the crew explores. As visitors in the wilderness, we strive to be responsible and courteous guests. While most wildlife is not aggressive toward humans, animals should be quietly observed at a safe distance. Wildlife should never be fed. Most animals avoid the sights and sound as the crew approaches, and cautiously move away from the group. Trek Leaders will train the crew on safety regarding the unlikely event of a close animal encounter. Only Trek Leaders are permitted to carry bear spray.

### **Purify All Drinking Water**

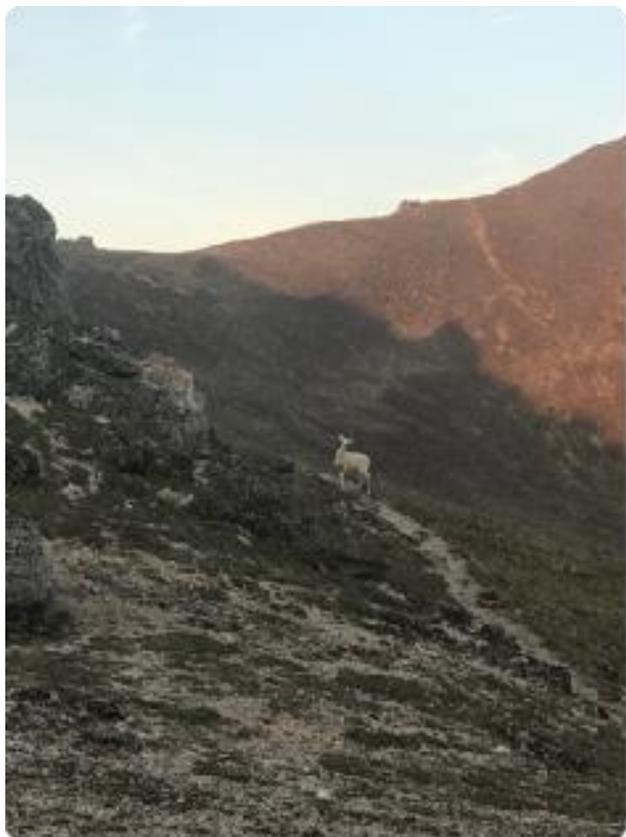
All water from all-natural sources, including springs, streams and lakes must be purified by bringing it to a rolling boil, treated with chemical purifier, or filtered.

### **No Climbing Allowed**

Rock climbing, rappelling and tree climbing are not permitted. BSA regulations require advanced training and equipment.

### **Swimming and Diving**

All swimming and water activities must be done in accordance with the BSA Safe Swim Defense policy. In addition, water shoes, a lifejacket and a swimsuit or shorts must be worn by all swimmers at all times.



Diving is prohibited at the NLHA per the BSA Safe Swim Defense policy. Therefore, all entry into the water must be feet first or by wading into the water. Jumping feet first into the water is allowed from rocks or ledges no greater than five feet above the surface of the water, if the water is clear and the depth of the water is 10-12 feet deep. Lifejackets must be worn at all times.

### **Rock Throwing**

Rock throwing is strictly prohibited.

### **Solo Canoeing**

There will be no solo canoeing. There must be a minimum of two canoes in the water at all times with 2 canoeists in each canoe.

## **Footwear**

Closed-toed boots or shoes are required in all wilderness trail campsites and while canoeing, swimming, fishing, around the campsite, etc. Waterproof hiking boots with ankle support are recommended for all hikes and closed-toed water shoes are recommended for all river crossings and canoe floats. Shower shoes are recommended for time on NHLA base. Bare feet and under-protected feet are a major cause of injuries. Sandals, flip flops or Chacos are examples of unauthorized footwear.

## **Tobacco**

The use of tobacco is never permitted within the line of sight of youth. No smoking is permitted in any NLHA building or vehicle. Each base has a single established tobacco use area.

## **Alcohol and Drugs**

Possession or use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or misuse of prescribed drugs is prohibited. Groups or individuals found in violation of this national policy of the Boy Scouts of America will be sent home immediately, as arranged with the council office or parent.

## **Firearms**

Firearms, archery equipment, explosives, and the like are prohibited on any NLHA trek. Firearms are available for use at Lost Lake Scout Camp at the shooting range. Please do not bring or transport personal firearms to base camp.

## **Fire**

BSA fire safety rules will be strictly enforced, as well as the local fire regulations by campsite and park. Forest fires are a natural and common occurrence in the Alaskan wilderness and are taken into consideration when planning trek schedules. However, if an unprecedented fire is spotted it must be reported to the Trek Leader, who will report it to the base director by radio and lead the crew out of the area immediately.

## **Youth Protection Policy**

Boy Scouts of America's Youth Protection Policies must be adhered to. No one-on-one activities between youth and adults are allowed. The BSA two-deep leadership policies must be followed. No youth and adults are allowed in the same tents (except family members). Physical, sexual or emotional abuse (including hazing) of a camper by his or her peers or by an adult leader is unacceptable. Reporting of abuse is the law. The local, county, state or provincial authorities as well as the BSA Council representatives will be contacted if abuse is suspected.

# General Information

## Insurance

Northern Lights High Adventure fees include accident and sickness insurance coverage. This applies for your travel to and from Northern Lights High Adventure base as well as your Northern Lights High Adventure Expedition. This policy is secondary to a family policy. All participants with family insurance should include the insurance company name and policy number on their BSA Health and Medical Record form and should also submit a copy of the insurance card with the medical form.

## Emergency Contact

If there is an emergency at home, please contact the Midnight Sun Council office for assistance: 907-452-1976.



## **Traveling to NLHA Base**

Most crews elect to fly into Fairbanks, Alaska for their trek. NLHA recommends shopping around with different airlines to ensure the best rate. Also consider airline insurance or refund/adjustment policies.

NLHA provides transportation for the duration of your trek, and to and from the Fairbanks airport.

Considering a different airport or driving to NLHA? Contact us directly for more details and tips.

## **Payment**

After reserving your trip, you have 3 weeks to turn in your 10% deposit per crew (note: if making reservation after January 1, we require a 15% deposit per crew).

Each crew pays for their trip in three installments, all of which are non-refundable and non-transferable:

- 1) The first installment is a 10% DEPOSIT PER CREW due within 3 weeks of reservation. (Note: if making reservation after January 1, we require a 15% deposit per crew).
- 2) The second installment is 10% FIRST PAYMENT PER PERSON due February 1st or within 3 weeks of reservation (whichever date is later).
- 3) The third installment is 10% SECOND PAYMENT PER PERSON due April 1st.
- 3) The final installment consists of the BALANCE OF PAYMENT. Before making this payment, confirm the number of youth and adult participants on your Final Billing Statement. This installment is due June 1st or 30 days prior to trek start date.

**ALL FEES (Deposit, Payments, and Balance of Payment) ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE IN EVENT OF CANCELLATION. EXERCISE CAUTION IN MAKING RESERVATIONS OR PAYING FEES FOR ANYONE WHO HAS NOT MADE A FINANCIAL COMMITMENT.**

Northern Lights High Adventure Programs must commit financial resources to employ staff, purchase food and supplies, and prepare for base operations. Participants are, therefore, also required to make a financial commitment to attend. Be conservative in making reservations to avoid losing fees due to cancellations.

Payment via check is preferred; major credit cards are accepted and will incur an additional 3.5% processing fee. Please make checks out to: Midnight Sun Council BSA.

Please send checks to: Northern Lights High Adventure Base, 1400 Gillam Way, Fairbanks, AK 99701

# **We look forward to planning the perfect Alaskan adventure for your Crew.**

**Contact us today to get started!**



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CJ Stewart started working at the Midnight Sun Council in March of 2017, after retiring from the US Army with 22 years of active duty service to our country. He brings his experience in logistics and coordination to the Northern Lights High Adventure Base and the Midnight Sun Council as Director of Camping. He is a volunteer Training Chief/Man Tracker/ Operational Member for the Interior Alaska Search and Rescue team. An avid hunter and fisherman, CJ spends 95% of his time in the outdoors with Scouts or just enjoying the Alaskan wilderness. He holds training certifications for Alaska Emergency Trauma Technician, Wilderness First Responder, Trek Leader, Camp Director, and many others.



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Larry Gumina joined NLHA in the Summer of 2017. As an Eagle Scout, Larry thoroughly believes in the mission of Scouting and the benefit that it has to our youth. Holding multiple degrees from the University of Colorado, Boulder, in Environmental Studies, Geography, and Atmospheric and Oceanic Circulation, his love for nature goes well beyond the wilderness of Alaska. As a National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) World Explorer he has traveled to the Amazon. Now as NLHA Backcountry Trek Manager and an avid outdoorsman, Larry enjoys surfing, rock climbing, backpacking, fishing, and traveling the world. In addition to NLHA, Larry works as an outdoor educator throughout the coastal, mountain, and desert regions of California.

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