



U.S. Naval Academy

Alaska Mountaineering Expedition

Travel and Logistics

Course Itinerary

Pre-Course | Monday, May 27th

- You will travel to Alaska on Monday, May 27th. The USNA Training Department will help schedule and book your flight into [Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport \(ANC\)](#).
- You will likely land in Anchorage late in the evening on May 27th or early in the morning on May 28th. If possible, try to get a bit of sleep in the Anchorage Airport (ANC) once you land.

Day 1 | Tuesday, May 28th

- Your course will begin at 7:00 AM in front of the Anchorage Depot, located at [411 W 1st Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501](#), on May 28th. Please look for the NOLS bus or white van with a box trailer parked directly in front of the Anchorage Depot.
- **Please arrive at the Anchorage Depot before 7:00 AM.** We recommend you take a taxi/Uber/Lyft with your classmates from the airport (ANC) to the Anchorage Depot.
- NOLS staff will then drive you from the Anchorage Depot to our [NOLS Alaska campus](#) in Palmer, 50 miles north.
- The first day will be a very busy one. In the morning, you will meet your instructors and other expedition members. There will be snacks, tea and coffee available if you want to skip breakfast in Anchorage.
- This is the day that will be spent issuing equipment for the entire expedition.
- There will be time for a course orientation, some classes on basic skills, and packing your gear. You will bag your own course ration in our gulch.



- You will likely camp at the NOLS Campus the first night.
- Initial conversations around leadership and outdoor living skills will begin on day one.

Day 2 | Wednesday, May 29th

- You will travel to the trailhead in the morning.
- Instructors teach and role model “leader of the day” responsibilities.
- Possible topics covered: decision-making, campsite selection, Leave No Trace techniques, debriefing, and next-day planning.

Days 3-23 | May 30th - June 19th

- Leadership and decision-making responsibilities transition to expedition participants.
- Instructors play a coaching role for participants and provide structure for reflective learning, debriefing, and feedback.
- Depending on the length of travel days the participants plan, there may be the opportunity for layover days, peak ascents, and further route exploration.

Day 24 | Friday, June 20th

- After spending most of the day in the field, you will be transported by bus back to the NOLS headquarters in Palmer.
- There are showers at the Campus where towels and body soap are provided.

Day 25 | Friday, June 21st

- At the NOLS Campus, you will clean and deissue course gear, settle your equipment bill, and complete a course debriefing.
- You will have dinner at the NOLS Farm with your classmates and then depart for Anchorage at 7 PM. We will drop you off at [Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport \(ANC\)](#).



Prepare to Travel to Your Course

- Submit your health form on your [Dashboard](#) as soon as possible.
- Work with the USNA Training Department to book your travel.
- Check your medical insurance coverage will be adequate for your travels and expedition activities.

Airport Location and Flight Information

Please fly in and out of [Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport \(ANC\)](#):

- **Arrive** by 4:00 AM on May 28th
- **Depart** any time after 10:00 PM on June 21st

If Delayed

If your arrival to Anchorage is delayed and you are not able to make the NOLS pick-up at the Railroad Depot, please do the following:

1. Rebook for the next available flight.
2. Then, contact NOLS Alaska to let us know of your new plans: (907) 745-4047 or alaska_notify@nols.edu

Student Mail

Mail cannot be delivered to students while they are in the field; all student mail arriving at NOLS will be held until an NOLS vehicle meets your course.

Letters and packages sent to you at NOLS should include the course code and your name in the address. Your course code is shown on your enrollment letter, dashboard,



and account statement. You are encouraged to bring pre-addressed, stamped envelopes or postcards if you want to send mail.

Mailing address

Your Name — Your Course Code (NAME 5/28/2024)
NOLS Alaska
5805 N. Farm Loop
Palmer, AK 99645

Time Zone

Alaska Time Zone is 4 hours behind Eastern, 3 hours behind Central, 2 hours behind Mountain, 1 hour behind Pacific.

Storage of Personal Belongings and Vehicles

Personal belongings and vehicles may be stored at the NOLS facility for the duration of your course. Due care will be taken to prevent theft or damage of your personal belongings. However, NOLS does not assume any liability for lost, stolen or damaged personal property while stored at a NOLS facility or elsewhere. NOLS will not honor any personal claim for property loss while in our care. If you want insurance coverage for your personal belongings, you will need to obtain it.

Cell Phone

Cell phones are not allowed during the activities at the NOLS Campus. **Your phone or any other communication devices (including InReach or similar devices) are not permitted while in the field**, even as a camera. Your cell phone can be stored with your luggage or at the NOLS safe once you arrive at the Campus, and you will have access to it when you arrive at the Campus from your expedition.



Personal Expenses

Bring enough cash to cover expenses encountered while traveling to and from Lander. Additional expenses may include dinner the night before your course, shuttle fees, and any miscellaneous purchases like snacks, toiletries, etc.

Contacting NOLS

With questions concerning course content or travel logistics, or to submit enrollment forms and tuition payment, you can reach us by logging onto www.nols.edu, emailing admissions@nols.edu or calling (800) 710-6657 between 8:00am and 5:00pm. MT, Monday through Friday.