

Center for Alaska Coastal Studies

Connecting you to the Nature of Alaska since 1982



Winter School Programs Guide



Education Program Overview

Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies is a non-profit organization whose mission is to foster responsible interactions with the environment and to teach about marine and forest ecosystems. First organized in 1982, we have provided field trip programs for Alaska's schools for 28 years.

Our programs offer students unforgettable experiences in science that are interactive, information-packed, and fun. These programs have been recognized for excellence by the National Science Teacher's Association, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and Northwest Aquatic & Marine Educators.

Education Facilities and Field Sites

The Carl E. Wynn Nature Center are the headquarters for our winter programs. The nearby Ageya Wilderness Education facility will house winter residential programs.

The Wynn Nature Center, a cozy cabin with a wonderful trail system, is set in snowy meadows and boreal forest on the bluff overlooking Homer. The Ageya Wilderness education facility located just down trail of the Wynn Center, has a teaching lodge and dining hall, full commercial kitchen, and heated yurts for sleeping. CACS environmental educators will take you and your students on a winter journey full of learning, bonding, and fun.



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New Program!

Winter Ecology Camp (Grades 4-12)

Classes participate in 1-3 day residential field science and winter survival skills program on the snowy bluffs overlooking Homer. Students are introduced to the winter ecology of boreal ecosystems through hands-on activities. Activities include guided snowshoe natural history hikes, winter science labs, animal tracking, building snow structures and shelters, and more. All activities are correlated with state and district science standards. Students overnight in heated yurts near the Wynn Nature Center. November - March. Program fees include lodging and instruction.



Snowshoe Exploration (Grades K-3)

Explore the snowy trails of Wynn Nature Center on snowshoe! During this 1 to 2 hour program, students learn how to use snow shoes, hunt for signs of animals and think about animal adaptations to winter life. All activities are correlated with district science standards. November - March depending on snow. \$2 per student or \$50 per class.



Wynn Winter Ecology (Grades 4-6)

Get your students outside in the winter at Wynn Nature Center. During this 2-4 hour program, students learn how plants and animals survive the winter in Alaska. Hands-on activities include a snow density experiment, digging a snow pit, and hunting for animal tracks in the snow. Students also get to experience the insulating effect of snow by building their own snow cave. November-March depending on snow. \$2 per student or \$50 per class.



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