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PUBLIC LANDS INFORMATION
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Education Resources

Providing educational resources to Alaska for over 25 years

What We Offer

•Teaching Kits
Complete lesson plans and a variety of materials to either follow or create your own.

•Field Trips
Guided and Self-guided discovery of the exhibits and coordinating educational films.

•Lending Library
A collection of curricula, books, and videos available for loan.

Who We Are

The Alaska Public Lands Information Center represents nine state and federal agencies managing the public lands and resources of Alaska. Our mission is to help people learn about Alaska's public lands, its people, natural resources, and recreational opportunities.

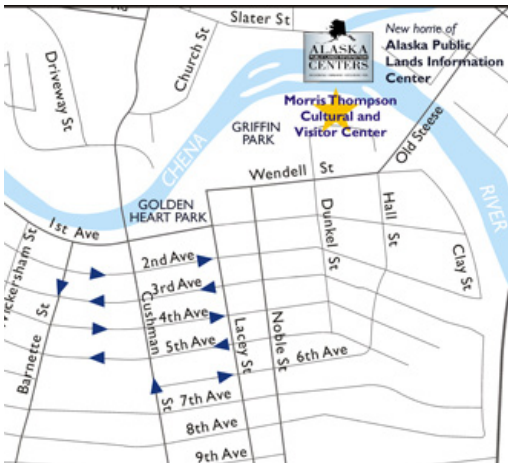
Educational Opportunities

Stop by or call the Alaska Public Lands Information Center at 459-3731 to learn more about what we have to offer you and your students.

Where to Find Us

We are located in the Morris Thompson Cultural & Visitors Center in downtown Fairbanks on the Chena River next to the Wendell Street Bridge.

Winter hours: Monday-Saturday, 8am to 5pm
Summer hours: 7 days a week, 8am to 6pm



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Teaching Kits

Anyone can check out a kit! They are great for school groups, camps, scout troops, daycares...

Bird Kit

A complete bird unit with lessons about avian characteristics, bird adaptations, and bird/human interactions. This kit contains books, videos, hands-on materials and lesson plans.

Compass Kit

This kit includes 25 compasses, a large demonstrator compass, background information, and lesson plans to help students learn about using compasses and reading maps.

Fish Kit

This kit emphasizes fish characteristics and adaptations along with their habitat and the cultural and economic importance to Alaskans. Check out a kit designed for K-6 or the kit for 7-12 grades, which inlcudes an optional toolkit for teaching about Traditional Native Knowledge. Optional fish print art materials are also available.

Gold Rush Kits

Take a fun look at Alaska's history and learn why people rushed to the area for gold. See how people survived the hardships of mining life and see the lasting legacy they left behind. Gold pans and sluice box available for checkout if desired.

Insect Kit

Students learn about the wonders of the insect/spider world in the classroom or in the field. Kit includes local insect specimens background information, videos, posters, activities and more!

Mammals Kit

Students learn about mammals and their lifestyles and habitats with an emphasis on Alaskan species. This kit contains pelt pieces, latex track and scat replicas with related lesson plans. There are kits designed for K-6 and 7-12 grades. Optional mammal skull kit also available for checkout.

Guidelines for Teaching Kit Checkout:

- Kits may be reserved up to three months in advance of checkout
- Kits may be checked out for a two-week period (unless indicated otherwise)
- Kits must be returned by 4:00 pm to allow time for check-in
- No more than two kits may be checked out a time
- A $20.00 deposit is required for each kit checked out. We accept cash or check. The deposit will be refunded upon return of the kit by 4:00 pm on the due date.
- Reservations will be cancelled if not picked up within 48 hours of reserved date
- Your presence is required during check-in

At a rural school? No problem!

We will ship all of our kits to rural schools. Generally, APLIC pays the shipping one way and the school pays for the shipping back. All of the rules above apply.

Teaching Kits

Owl Pellet Kit
This simple kit contains all of the tools needed to investigate owl pellets. Copy masters and food web demonstrations are also included. **Pellets NOT provided!**

Songbirds Blues Kit
This kit is full of fun activities to help students learn about songbird migration and how they can help Alaska's migratory birds. Kit includes tapes, videos, posters, puppets and more. *Please allow extra time to check in this kit.*

Tree Kit
Students learn about the trees and forests of interior Alaska using pressed leaves, tree "cookies," posters, books, and activities.

Water Kit
This kit teaches students about our most precious resource. Activities show the importance of water, the water cycle, and how we can use and conserve our water resources.

Wetlands Kit
Activities introduce students to wetlands and the functions they provide us. Students will explore the plants and animals of this important ecosystem while learning how their actions can affect it.

Big-Screen Learning

Choose from an extensive list of educational films to view in our theater; paired with a field trip or on their own.

- Alaska's Coolest Animals / Coolest Birds
- Alaska's Three Bears & Mother Goose
- Monty Moose: Alaska's Animals
- Monty Moose: Tundra Tales
- Monty Moose: Winter Tales
- Large Animals of the Arctic
- Boreal Forest: Fall & Winter / Spring & Summer

For other titles, please check online in the "For Teachers" section of *www.AlaskaCenters.gov*

Haven't visited the Alaska Public Lands Information Center yet? Here's a quick tour!

Rangers take the learning outside with programs on bird and mammal adaptations.

Our exhibits are filled with the sights and sounds of the Interior; what it's like to live here and what else there is to explore.

Hands-on activities and special events with our rangers are a great way to learn about the resources found in Alaska.

Educational Field Trips

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Ranger Laurie

The Fairbanks Alaska Public Lands Information Center's education specialist would like to invite your class or home school group to the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center for a field trip. Let National Park Service Ranger Laurie be your guide with free interactive activities aligned to school curriculum standards.

Not able to make it to the Center? No problem. Invite Ranger Laurie into your classroom!

Educational Programs:

	❶ Morris Thompson Center	❷ Your Classroom
Program	Varies with class interests and needs. Learn about plant and animal adaptations in our exhibit hall. Watch a film in our auditorium.	Explore animal adaptations through hands-on observations of skulls and furs.
Ages	Varies	2nd - 6th grade
Days	Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. - noon; other requests possible	Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays
Length	1.5 - 2 hours	Varies

The Morris Thompson Center features:

- Realistic multimedia displays of tundra and boreal forests through the seasons
- Multimedia displays highlighting Alaska's cultures and natural resources
- 100-seat theater with an extensive film library highlighting Alaska's natural history and cultures
- Classroom with a whiteboard and projector screen

Schedule a Field Trip

To schedule a free field trip or school visit, contact Laurie at 459-3731. The Center is located in downtown Fairbanks near the Wendell St. Bridge.

Other learning materials are available. Please contact Laurie or visit the "For Teachers" section on our website *www.AlaskaCenters.gov* for more information.