

**ALASKA IMPACT/MIDDLE SCHOOL GO TEAM - ADULT LEADER 2019**  
**Application Deadline: Wednesday, January 2**  
**Trip Dates: June 22- July 1, 2019**  
**Trip ID# AK0619**



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**Please Contact Kristin ([kbaker@blackhawkchurch.org](mailto:kbaker@blackhawkchurch.org)) or Maddie ([mblanchard@blackhawkchurch.org](mailto:mblanchard@blackhawkchurch.org)) for an application**

### **What are we doing?**

While in Alaska, Blackhawk Church partners with Eaglecrest Alaska Missions, whose mission is to serve the people of Sutton, Alaska through the power of the Holy Spirit. They do this by addressing physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

Our main objective this summer is to help Eaglecrest build long-term relationships with local middle school & high school students. We will partner with Eaglecrest in running a Day Camp for local students. Likely activities include running daily Skill Clubs and games, participating in Life Skills sessions with local students, individual devotional times, nightly group worship gatherings, and opportunities to experience the Alaskan outdoors.

This is an opportunity for Blackhawk students to grow in their leadership and interpersonal skills, as well as an opportunity for significant personal spiritual growth and exploration.

### **What are the dates?**

We will be leaving approximately 6/22/19 and returning approximately 7/01/19, depending on available flights\*.

\*These dates may change by a day on either end depending on available flights.

### **How is the team selected/when will I be notified?**

Leader applications will be accepted until Wednesday, January 2. Our plan is to notify individuals of their application status within 2 weeks of the deadline. It is important to fill out the application in its entirety; *an incomplete application (e.g. lacking reference addresses) will not be considered.* The number of applicants may exceed the size limit of the team.

### **How many people are on a typical team?**

We are looking for 8 adult leaders to join an estimated student team of 17 students.

### **How much will it cost and how will I pay for my trip?**

Each adult leader will have an individual support raising goal. We're estimating this goal to be between \$800 -1,000 however we may alert you to changes in this goal at the first team meeting once the final number of team members is determined. This includes airfare, transportation and lodging in Alaska, meals, etc. All funds support the entire team and we'll work together to reach our goal. The team leader will help you raise funds through support letters that can be sent to family, friends, co-workers, etc. *Each team member is expected to send 70-90 support letters.* Further instructions will be given soon after the team is finalized.

### **Where do we stay?**

We will spend most of our time in Sutton, Alaska. We will stay at the Eaglecrest camp facilities; there is a large bunkroom for sleeping areas for each the guys and girls, and modern bathrooms and showers.

### **What sorts of characteristics are you looking for in adult leaders?**

We encourage interested adults who are invested in the NextGen ministries at Blackhawk Church to apply, regardless of gifting. It is possible that there will be more applicants than spots available. We are looking for leaders who are actively pursuing growth in their own faith, are servant leaders, work well with others and can be flexible in new environments, and are passionate about helping each student on the team to grow in their gifts, and to grow as servant leaders.

We hope the trip has a mix of returning leaders and leaders new to our Alaska partnership. Adult leaders are volunteers invested in the Blackhawk NextGen Ministries or parents of students.

### **Do I need a passport?**

Not necessarily. You will need a REAL ID compliant driver's license (aka, you must have a license that is from a state that is REAL ID compliant). If your driver's license is not REAL ID compliant, you will need to show your passport or alternative form of ID (that is TSA acceptable) for air travel. For more information regarding TSA acceptable forms of identification, [click here](#). You can find more information about REAL ID by [clicking here](#). To see if the state that issued your driver's license is REAL ID compliant, [click here](#).

### **What are the risks of traveling to Alaska?**

The US Department of State has issued a general worldwide travel caution in response to threat of terrorist actions and violence against U.S. citizens throughout the world. Though there are high risk places throughout the world for which additional warnings are issued, Alaska is not considered a high-risk location. Please visit <http://travel.state.gov> to read warnings and for more information on traveling.

### **Do I need shots or medications?**

You will need to bring ample supply of whatever medications you take on a regular basis. We also encourage you to discuss your travel plans with your doctor to ensure you are up to date on all check-ups and immunizations and discuss any additional immunizations your doctor may recommend.

### **When will we start meeting as a team?**

Leaders will begin meeting in January 2019. We will begin meeting as a complete team in February 2019. There will be 2-3 leader meetings, 4 team meetings (where leaders will arrive 30 minutes prior to the student team members) and an overnight retreat. *Attendance at these meetings is mandatory, and it is expected that prospective leaders communicate about a personal need to miss a meeting at the time of application.*

Sunday, January 20: 12:30-3:00PM **Leader Meeting**

Sunday, Feb 10; 3:00-5:45 PM - Meeting with students & parents (first 30-60 minutes with parents)

Sunday, March 10 - 3:30-6:00 pm Team Meeting

Sunday, April 14 - 3:00-5:30 pm Team Meeting

Sunday, May 19: 12:30-3:30 PM **Leader Meeting**

Wednesday, May 29: 7:00-9:00 PM **Leader Meeting if need be**

Overnight: June 1 (morning) - June 2 (afternoon) (Location TBD)

Thursday, June 20- Final Preparations Meeting (Time TBD)

Celebration Show-n-Tell: Sunday, July 14 - time and date subject to confirmation

### **Questions?**

Contact either:

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