

# Denali

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Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska

## Chaperone Expectations and Guidelines

Chaperones are an integral part of Denali Science School, so thank you for volunteering. We require and limit group size to one adult supervisor per six students. This is because too many adults can be a distraction during the visit, but a minimum number is required to maintain a safe learning environment. We need your participation and cooperation to make Denali Science School a positive and successful experience.

### Be an active participant and leader!

Chaperones are expected to be active learners, leaders, and behavior managers during all Science School activities. During large-group sessions, please help keep the group's attention focused on what the ranger or teacher is saying, and encourage the students to answer the questions. During small-group sessions, listen closely to instructions and you will have all the tools you need to be an excellent leader for your group. There is often only one lead instructor for the group of 30+ students at any given time, so the students benefit tremendously from the leadership provided by chaperones.

### Lead by example

- Chaperones are expected to comply with the same rules as the students, and to help enforce the rules. This includes respecting plants and animals (no harassing or removing), showing respect for others, not talking while instructors are talking, and not using electronic equipment while on duty.
- Make sure students clean-up after themselves on a daily basis, especially in the classrooms, bathrooms, and dining hall.
- Parents with participating children should treat all students with equal attention.
- Go with the flow, adapt, and have fun! The students pick up on how you react; if you are having fun, they will too.

### Safety

- Watch over your group to ensure everyone's safety at all times.
- Be extra well prepared for hiking so that you can focus on the student's needs while outside.



# Denali Science School – Daily Schedule

## Monday/Wednesday

1:00-1:30 – Arrive and deposit gear  
1:30-1:45 – Habitat Game  
1:45-2:15 – Welcome and Orientation  
2:15-3:15 – Visitor Center Scavenger Hunt, Intro to Habitats and Ecosystems  
3:15-5:00 – Hike  
5:00-6:00 - Games  
6:00-7:00 – Dinner at MSLC Dining Hall  
7:00-8:00 – Teacher activities  
8:00-8:30 – Bedtime setup and wind-down  
8:30-9:00 – Lights out

## Tuesday/Thursday

8:00-8:45 – Breakfast at MSLC Dining Hall  
8:45-10:00 – Permafrost Permeability, Monitoring, and Impacts  
10:00-10:15 – Snack  
10:15-11:30 – Wolf Program  
11:30-12:15 – Who Should Be Saved  
12:15-12:45 - Lunch  
12:45-1:45 – Sled Dog Kennels  
1:45-4:45 – Mountain Vista Walk  
4:45-6:00 – Work on Create a National Park  
6:00-7:00 – Dinner at MSLC Dining Hall  
7:00-8:00 – Teacher activities  
8:00-8:30 – Bedtime setup and wind-down  
8:30-9:00 – Lights out

## Wednesday/Friday

8:00-8:45 – Breakfast at MSLC Dining Hall  
8:45-10:15 – Work on Create a National Park, snack  
10:15-10:45 – Create National Park Presentations  
10:45-11:10 – Closing activity (Postcards)  
11:10-11:30 – Pack up gear/load gear on bus/classroom and bathroom clean up  
11:30-12:00 – Lunch