# SAAS OUTDOOR & TRAVEL 7th & 8th GRADE YUKON

July/August, 2023

10-16 Current 7th & 8th Graders - Cost: \$3050 TRIP LEADERS: Erin Aitchison, Thaddeus Duhme

In total, the group will paddle approximately 155 miles of the Yukon River. Along the way we could see bears, moose, bald and golden eagles, beavers, lynx, porcupines and more! Students will be responsible for group and personal gear, setting up tents, cooking in small groups, and managing canoes.

**Prerequisites:** Group will have 3 pre-trip meetings spaced throughout the year, including a gear check during the summer months.





## **Trip Goals:**

This trip is designed to place students in a group context in a long-term situation that will challenge them physically and emotionally.

The physical stress of paddling the Yukon River, setting up camp, taking care of oneself, and helping take care of the group; will promote character development in a meaningful way.

Individual leadership and personal growth through the challenge of participating in a wilderness trip.

# **Itinerary:**

## Day 1-2

Travel from SAAS to Vancouver BC - fly into Whitehorse and shuttle out to Fox Bay/Lake Laberge. Pack group food/gear, and spend some time in canoes.

### **Day 3-4**

Morning of day 3 - take off down the lake/river. Spend one more night camping on the lake.

#### Day 5-10

On the Yukon river. At different campsites, each day - usually have one lay-in day.

## **Day 11**

Pull into Carmacks, clean canoes, repack gear, get shuttled to Skagway - get on Alaska Marine HWY ferry to Ketchikan activities throughout the trip. Dog sledding, Ice Fishing, Hiking, Campfires, northern lights, and more.

#### Day 12

Ferry Day

## Day 13

Arrive in Ketchikan, walk to the airport, fly home to Sea-Tac. Families pick up students at Sea-Tac.

# **Contact Information:**

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