

School of the Earth

Exploring the art and science of creating a vibrant civilization on a healthy planet



A powerful 7-day experience of learning and recreation at Wellwood Center Nature Preserve in the spectacular Copper River Country of Alaska!

22–28 July 2013

Space is limited—book your spot!

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2013 School of the Earth Excursions

See www.SchoolOfTheEarth.org for a full schedule of activities. In addition to the many activities planned on site, participants will be treated to

- a visit to a local farm to appreciate how one family faces the daunting challenges of producing food and other crops in an earth-friendly way in a subarctic climate.
- a guided Copper River raft trip, with possible sightings of bald eagles, bears and moose, as well as canyons, forests, and scenes of the Wrangell Mountain region.
- a visit to a traditional subsistence fish camp and Copper River fish wheels, where world-famous red salmon are harvested.

Getting to and from School of the Earth

The program begins in Anchorage, Alaska and cost includes ground transportation from Anchorage to Whittier (with interpretive stops at Turnagain Arm and Portage Glacier), Alaska Marine ferry to Valdez, drive to Wellwood Center in Kenny Lake (with interpretive stops at Alyeska Pipeline and Worthington Glacier in Thompson Pass), and at the end of the week ground transportation back to Anchorage on the Edgerton, Richardson, and Glenn Highways (with a stop at Alaska's first regional resource recovery and training park).

Staying at School of the Earth

Activities are conducted largely outdoors on the grounds of the Nature Preserve and indoors in the gathering room at the Wellwood B&B. A combination of indoor bathroom facilities and comfortable clean outhouses are provided. Options for overnight lodging for participants for seven days/six nights include:

- space for participants' tents or camping vehicles provided at no charge.
- shared wall tent with wood floor & cots \$125/person/week
- Wellwood Center B&B room (shared room & shared bath) \$300/person/week

Participant costs: \$1,495 per person

This price includes all transportation between Anchorage and Wellwood Center and local transportation, all meals, equipment and facilities for day programs, and costs for excursions, presentations, and activities. Lodging choice may incur additional charge, as described above.

Space is limited. To register call: 907-822-3418, or go to: www.SchoolOfTheEarth.org, or email to: info@soteearth.org



More than a camp, a workshop, a tour... *School of the Earth* is a powerful connection with people, ideas, and actions that will help you discover your unique way to contribute to the wellbeing of the world.

Explore big issues in an upbeat, informal setting. Share ideas with a small group and with recognized leaders of thought, all in a beautiful natural Alaskan locale.

Chart your path...

- enjoy a break from your busy life with a week-long retreat in a captivating environment
- explore a still-pristine ecosystem in a spectacular region of Alaska through easy day hikes and excursions
- learn from recognized experts in fields of global significance
- get to know others who are taking meaningful steps to heal the world
- eat healthy food, including locally harvested favorites
- share conversations around an outdoor campfire
- develop your personal plan of action for making a real difference in the world, charting your own path on the road to a better future!



Teachers! ...

If you are an educator, expect to find special inspiration and practical ideas, with activities that can be adapted for use with your own students.

Optional college credit is available!

Join us! 2013 faculty to include...

David Wellman

Retired science teacher, technology consultant, Executive Director of Wellwood Conservancy, coordinator of citizen science project studying the local watershed. Together with his wife, Gay, operates the Wellwood Bed and Breakfast and manages the Wellwood Nature Preserve.

Ellen Maling, MBA

Writer, social entrepreneur, wilderness guide, organizational development and management specialist with an area of focus primarily environment, health, and youth development. Since 2011 has lived in Southeast Asia (currently Cambodia) teaching, writing, and inspiring others toward positive change.

Deborah Williams

Sustainability champion, founder and co-editor of the Harvard Environmental Law Review, former Special Assistant to the US Secretary of the Interior for Alaska and Director of two Alaska conservation organizations. Currently Executive Director for the Anchorage Youth Development Coalition. A recipient of many awards, active in the political arena, widely quoted in the media, an eager participant in programs that put people and nature together.

Riki Ott, PhD

Marine toxicologist, author, and former commercial fisher in Cordova, Alaska; a featured character in the award-winning film BLACK WAVE: The Legacy of the Exxon Valdez. She has also given advice concerning the Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill and is involved in the movement to end the legal concept of corporate personhood through a constitutional amendment.

Karl Schleich, MEd

30-year veteran teacher, coach, principal, district-level administrator and consultant in Illinois, Alaska and Athens, Greece. A sought-after leader in education, assisting school districts throughout Alaska—from Akiak to Anchorage—in their efforts to enhance instruction and school environment. In his home-town of Wasilla, he works with friends to create a culture that is healthy and empowering for young people.

Dorothy Dunne, PhD

Associate Professor at Alaska Pacific University, director of the Human Services degree program, leads workshops on using stories for personal healing and on collaborative decision making. Passionately engaged in community development efforts in her home town of Palmer, with a special interest in elevating the devotional character of communities and helping youth awaken to their nobility.

Alice Thaggard

Alaskan artist, with paintings exhibited at various galleries and juried shows, as well as at businesses and public buildings throughout Alaska. Former hairdresser, farmer, tour guide and brailer bag maker, but considers her most important work to be raising a family, spiritually nurturing others and creating art.



“New relationships and the on-going discussion really helped me focus.”

“This experience helped me look realistically at my talents and abilities and I found my niche of service.”

“The wild environment and loving people refreshed my spirit and I am ready to go to work on my action plan.”

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