WEMBA ALASKA
Info Session
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Agenda

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Wharton Leadership Ventures

Experiences that facilitate self-discovery, leadership, and character development. Participants step out of their comfort zone, exceed personal limitations, and experience leadership firsthand.

**Intensives:** 1-3 Days

**Expeditions:** 7-10 Days

**Serving:** WEMBA, MBA, Wharton UG
Venture Partner: National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS)

**Mission:**
Be the leading source and teacher of wilderness skills and leadership that serve people and the environment.

**Role:**
- Logistics & technical expertise
- Facilitate leadership learning
- Emergency response
Venture Fellow (VF): Wharton Leadership Ventures

Mission:
To develop leaders who act with a deeper understanding of themselves, their organizations, and their communities, and contribute positively to the growth of each.

Role:
Logistics and information resource. Keeper of the venture process, & advisor to participants.
Alaska Venture: What to Expect

Membership:

10 WEMBA Participants
2 Venture Fellow (Liz, Andrew)
3 Venture Partners (NOLS Guides)

Overview:

Focus on Leadership Development

End-to-End Backpacking (8-10 hour days carrying heavy packs)

Team driven
Venture Itinerary: *Bomber Traverse, Talkeetna Range, Alaska*

**Day 1 (6/7):**

Arrive in Anchorage no later than 1pm. T-port to NOLS basecamp in Palmer, AK.

**Day 2 (6/8):**

T-port from Palmer to Trailhead ~30min

**Day 3-7 (6/9-6/13):**

End to End Backpacking,

**Day 7 (6/13):**

Venture adjourns; NOLS transport to Anchorage by 8 PM
Travel Considerations: Bomber Traverse, Talkeetna Range, Alaska

Anchorage Airport
- The Anchorage airport code is ANC. Taxis to downtown cost about $30.
- Hotel Captain Cook is recommended by the Wharton Ventures coordination team.

Time Zone
- Alaska Time Zone is 4 hours behind Eastern, 3 hours behind Central, 2 hours behind Mountain, 1 hour behind Pacific.

If Delayed
- If your arrival to Anchorage is delayed and you are not able to make the pick up at the airport, please call the NOLS Alaska office at (907) 745-4047.

Cell phones
- You will be out of telephone contact for the duration of your expedition. There is reasonable but not excellent cell phone coverage from NOLS headquarters in Palmer.
Weather & Gear

Summer Conditions

• Summer daytime temperatures range from the mid 30s to the low 70s
• This is a temperate rainforest. It can rain (or snow) for days.
• Cold temperatures at night.

Gear

• Gear lists will be provided
• NOLS gear rental & purchase
• NOLS provides technical equipment
Our Expectations

Communication & Commitment

Medical forms, gear check, goal setting session with VF, payments, physical training, etc.

Rise to the Challenge

This will be mentally and physically challenging – prepare for this experience.

“Crew Not Passengers”

Be accountable for yourself and your team.
Timeline

January:
• Information Sessions

February:
• Registration opens

March:
• (10) Venture Participants Selected
• Payment Due
• Venture Info Session (with Selected Participants)

June 2 – 8:
• Venture

NOW:
• Physical Training Starts
Next Steps & Cost

Cost:

$3500 ($3375 paid by participant, $125 insurance subsidy from MLP)

Additional Costs (Additional Insurance, Gear purchase or rental through NOLS, Flight)

How to Apply:

Please be on the lookout for registration in February. Questions? Contact Jules julesroy@wharton.upenn.edu and Sam sastahl@wharton.upenn.edu