

## Program Partners:



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## *North for Science!* Expedition Teacher/Adult Mentor Reference

Thank you for providing this recommendation for a student who is applying to be a *North for Science!* expedition 2026 Team Member. During the *North for Science!* expedition students will travel the Dalton Highway and camp in the central Brooks Range. They will investigate the uniqueness of the subarctic and arctic ecosystems alongside scientists and education specialists. The Alaska Songbird Institute, the Bureau of Land Management, the US Fish & Wildlife Service, and the National Park Service cooperatively fund this program at no cost to the student. However, the program does not cover the cost of travel to and from Fairbanks, accommodations, or other expenses incurred by out-of-town participants before or after the program dates. No prior camping experience is necessary.

The *North for Science!* expedition is an active science education learning experience requiring all participants to be energetic, flexible team members. Students need to enthusiastically engage in all opportunities the expedition presents, from staying focused during educational activities to assisting with camp chores. **Given our close living and working situation, team members must already possess good social skills and be able to interact well with a diverse group of peers and adults.**

We appreciate your time in helping us find a diverse group of science-minded middle school students who will benefit from this opportunity. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept all students who apply to *North for Science!*, so any information that helps this student stand out will be helpful. We are relying on you to help us find kids who would not otherwise have such an opportunity as we are especially interested in providing this opportunity to underserved youth. **All information will remain confidential.** Please provide responses to the following questions regarding the applicant.

Please type directly onto this form and email it back to us. You can also type or write your responses on a separate sheet then scan and send them. If you cannot scan, you can take a good quality picture with your mobile device and send the photo. Send all completed responses to:

[north4science@aksongbird.org](mailto:north4science@aksongbird.org)

**Deadline: Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Your Name:            Your Email:            Name of Student Applicant:**

1. How long have you known this student, and in what capacity?
2. Please describe this student's ability to participate as a member of a team.
3. Please describe this student's ability to communicate with adults and peers.
4. How does this student handle adversity?
5. Please describe anything else about this student you would like us to know regarding their application to this program.

**Thank you for supporting this student!**