

Kenai River Guide Academy

Background

In January 2004, a group of organizations and agencies began working together to create a certification program for Kenai River fishing guides. The Alaska State Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR), Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Kenai River Professional Guides Association (KRPGA) and Kenai Peninsula College (KPC), a community campus of the University of Alaska Anchorage, collaborated in creating the Kenai River Guide Academy.

In early 2005, the Kenai River Working Group (KRWG) incorporated the Kenai River Guide Academy program into their recommendations to DPOR for new State Park Regulations. Draft regulations were written, and a public hearing was held in Soldotna in January 2006 to listen to comments about this program as well as other changes to Title 11. After the public comment period the regulations moved on to Lieutenant Governor's Office for signature. The proposed regulations signed by Lt. Governor Loren Lemman took effect on March 14, 2006.

Purpose

The purpose of the Kenai River Guide Academy is to educate and train all Kenai River fishing guides in the following areas:

- Regulatory
- Safety
- Guide ethics and behavior
- Habitat and conservation

In order to guide on the Kenai River, this course must be taken and passed

Course Information:

2021 Semester

There are 20 seats available for each of three classes in the spring of 2021. They are available on a first come, first paid basis. Guides that are interested in attending the course may register and pay online at <https://kpckenairiver.asapconnected.com/default.aspx>. The cost of the class is \$206. Enrollment in the class is not confirmed until payment is received. Classes are Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-5:00pm, and Friday from 8:00am-1:00pm. A 100-question multiple choice/true-false test will be given on Thursday and oral examinations will be given on Friday. Guides that do not pass the course in any year can retake the test up to three times. If a guide does not pass the test on the third try they will be required to take the class again and pay the class fee again.

For more additional information about the class, please visit www.krga.org.

For more information on the content of the course, contact KPC at 262-0317. Contact Alaska State Parks at the Gilman River Center at 907-714-2471 if you have questions about the Kenai River guide permits.

