

EXPLORE the Great Outdoors



2026 YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST

Do you want to have a conservation based, outdoor career?

Enter to win a 3 day stay at Ultima Thule Lodge!

Open to Alaskan youth ages 12-16

Essay subject should be on why you want to have an outdoor career and describe / incorporate your passion for wilderness and wildlife in Alaska. Contestants must use a traditional 5 paragraph essay format. Essays less than 400 words, or not exactly 5 paragraphs will be disqualified.

ESSAYS WILL BE JUDGED ON THE FOLLOW CATEGORIES:



**KNOWLEDGE OF
WILDLIFE**



**WHY WILDLIFE
CONSERVATION IS IMPORTANT**



**WHAT GOOD STEWARDS OF
WILDERNESS ENVIRONMENT
MEANS TO YOU**



CREATIVITY



- 1ST** - 3 day stay at Ultima Thule Lodge, KUIU gear & recognition in APHA Magazine
- 2ND** - KUIU gear & recognition in APHA Magazine
- 3RD** - KUIU gear & recognition in APHA Magazine



Winners and one guardian will be guests of the Claus's at Ultima Thule Lodge for a conservation-based introduction to life in the wilderness, tailored to their experience and interests. Specific dates will be determined by the lodge. If 1st place is unavailable to attend, 2nd place then 3rd place will be offered the opportunity. Arrangments to be made between parents and the Claus'. APHA chaperone will accompany. APHA is not responsible for any liability arising from said winning trip. *Prior winners not eligible to enter.*

DEADLINE: 10/31/2026

Submit essay to admin@alaskaprohunter.org
Winners will be notified by November 30, 2026

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