

## Yukon Island Center for Research & Education

Please Note: A copy of this letter will be posted on the OLE! website ([www.OleAnchorage.org](http://www.OleAnchorage.org)) for your convenient reference

Greetings from your hostess, Gretchen:

We are glad you have chosen to sign up for the OLE! course *Kachemak Bay Archaeology: Delving into the Ancient Cultures of Yukon Island*. It will be held August 13-15 on Yukon Island, across Kachemak Bay from Homer at my family's homestead. For more information about the center, you can go to [www.yukonisland.com](http://www.yukonisland.com) or the OLE! link at <http://www.oleanchorage.org/olePDF/YukonIsland.pdf>.

I am excited to host this course on archaeology. On Friday afternoon, you will arrive and have the opportunity to get settled and then have dinner. Friday evening we have an introduction by our professors, Bill and Karen Workman. Yukon Island is an ancient place with layers of history. Frederica de Laguna, a noted archaeologist, did her original work on Yukon Island in 1930/31/32. Over thirty years ago, when we cleared the spot for the Center, we found house pits. In 1978, Bill and Karen Workman came with the university field school to dig there and returned for other summers of fieldwork, so they have wonderful knowledge and perspective on the archaeology on the island as well as other sites in Kachemak Bay. They will share their knowledge with us. Over the weekend, we will be walking to several sites on the island.

Transportation: You should allow five hours to drive from Anchorage to Homer or you can fly. If you would like to carpool, either by riding with someone else, or are willing to take a passenger or two, please let either Meg Hayes ([meghayes@acsalaska.net](mailto:meghayes@acsalaska.net)) or me know and we will try to facilitate that.

Water Taxi: Tom Hopkins and Tammy of Red Mountain Marine (235-6834 or 399-8230) will provide our transportation from the harbor on the Homer Spit to Yukon Island. The cost is \$55 round trip- paid to them, payable in cash or by check, NO credit cards. Scheduled departure from Homer to Yukon Island is 3 pm on Friday afternoon the 13th. You can find their boat, the Beowulf, at the bottom of the Salty Dawg/general store ramp (one ramp toward the end of the Spit from the Harbormaster). It only takes about 20 minutes to get to Yukon Island from the Homer Spit. For our return: On Sunday the 15th, the Beowulf will pick everyone up at 2:00 pm putting you back in Homer with plenty of time to get back to Anchorage that evening.

What to Bring: You have already registered for the class and paid the \$195 fee, which includes appetizers and dinner on Friday, Saturday meals, breakfast and lunch on Sunday, and lodging. Lodging includes sheets and bedding, so you don't need to bring a sleeping bag or bedding. Bring your own personal clothing and items. As you know, summer weather can be unpredictable, so clothing that can be layered is the best. There are many birds on and around the island as well as otters and an occasional whale, so you may want to bring a pair of binoculars if you have them. We have good water on the island, so you do not need to bring your own water. I have an alternate energy system that doesn't allow hair dryers but does allow recharging of cameras and computers. . I have a telecellular telephone on the island in case of emergency- If someone needs to have a way to reach you, the number is 235-5592.

I look forward to hosting you on the island.

Warm regards, Gretchen

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