



EnGage! - Summer 2019 *Alaska Native*

EnGage! is designed to give you a cross-cultural ministry experience in an Alaskan Native village or urban community in Alaska. Your internship will include:

- Material and a coach to assist in raising your Ministry Support Team
- Living in an Alaskan Native community
- Participating in community life
- Building relationships
- Serving and loving people of another culture
- Interaction with all ages
- Potential relationships that allow for sharing your faith journey

EnGage! is all about **relationships**. You will be encouraged and supported as you learn to develop **relationships** with the people in your community. You will experience the necessity of **relationship** development, foundational for cross-cultural ministry.

EnGage! is designed to **stretch** your faith as you live in this unfamiliar environment. You will be **stretched** in your reliance on God and His faithfulness. You will **stretch** your mind as you apply principles of culture acquisition, worldview thinking, and how these impact your communication. You will be **stretched** as you serve people with your gifts and talents, training, life experiences, and your relationship with God. **Stretch** yourself as you function in the role of a learner!

EnGage! utilizes your ministry as a **catalyst** to expand the ministry of InterAct in your village. InterAct will **weave** your impact in the village into our ongoing ministry with this community. Here is an overview of your *EnGage!* experience in Alaska:

- Receive mentoring & support as you raise your Ministry Support Team
- Arrival in Anchorage
- Lazy Mountain Campus in Palmer as you join the closing day of our annual Mission Conference, meet our missionaries, and then begin your 3-4 days of training and preparation for your own experience
- Placement in an Alaskan Native village/urban community
- Return to Lazy Mountain for two days of debrief
- Departure from Anchorage

EnGage! - OVERVIEW AND OBJECTIVES

	<i>Phase 1</i>	<i>Phase 2</i>	<i>Phase 3</i>	<i>Phase 4</i>	
TRAINING	GETTING ACQUAINTED	BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS	FOCUSING IN	BEING INTENTIONAL	DEBRIEF

Village Phase 1 – Getting Acquainted

- Get to know your community, meeting with leaders as appropriate.
- Discover how the community functions, attending events and activities.
- Establish yourself as a learner.
- What is happening over the next 6 weeks? Where can you fit in? What activities are happening, or do they want to happen, with which you can help?
- Experience the stretch of a new environment.
- Take "Prayer Walks" and work on your Learning Journal.

Phase 2 – Building Relationships

- Participate in community activities and seek to discover needs.
- Assist believers or church with their activities.
- Be willing to be the catalyst helping others to lead and succeed.
- Serve others as you continue your role as learner.
- Work with community members as their helper with any special activities, applying your learning where appropriate, and deepening friendships.
- Continue work on your Learning Journal.

Phase 3 – Focusing In

- Evaluate what is happening, friendships developing, needs expressed.
- Deepen friendships strategically & serve others
- Expend your time with people who are open to you and go deeper in ministry.
- Continue participation with activities, learning focus, and on your Learning Journal.
- Evaluate and make strategic adjustments.
- Make your time count, it is short. Watch for results as you serve as learner and helper.

Phase 4 – Being Intentional

- Explore spiritual conversations with closest friendships.
- PRAY, FAST, PRIORITIZE TIME.
- Define what you want left as you leave and work to accomplish it.
- Complete Learning Journal & Leave well.

Dates: May 26-July 7, 2019 **Cost:** \$1,800, plus travel to/from Anchorage, Alaska

If you have further questions we would be delighted to respond to them.

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EnGage! Program Profile

Alaska Native Communities

Dates: May 26 – July 7, 2019

Locations: EnGage! begins as you join the last day of our Annual Mission Conference, and meet our Alaska missionaries, and then continues with training and orientation in Palmer at InterAct's Lazy Mountain Campus, located just an hour from the Anchorage airport. From there, participants will be assigned to locations in Alaskan villages or urban locations for their ministry experience, and return to the Campus for concluding debrief.

Position Synopsis: *EnGage!* is a relational-to-the-core summer missions experience empowering participants to build friendships and live out the love of Jesus Christ in an Alaskan Native community. It is a hands-on, highly experiential mentorship-type program designed to provide practical experiences that impact lives for Christ.

I. Requirements

The *EnGage!* applicant should:

- have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- agree with InterAct's doctrinal statement
- be a member of an evangelical church in good standing
- submit to, and be accountable to, leadership
- raise all required support before the trip begins
- know how to personally share the gospel and disciple others

- be disciplined in prayer, service, and Bible reading/study

- have adequate prayer support
- be “above reproach” in moral character and personal ethics
- be flexible, having an attitude of a learner
- be in relatively good physical shape as the experience involves a significant amount of physical activity
- be willing to abstain from the use of alcohol and tobacco while serving with InterAct
- be able to fly in a small plane
- be able to travel by small motorboat
- be willing to reside in a remote village (wilderness) with limited medical facilities or in an urban location while becoming a part of a cross-cultural community

II. Activities

A. Pre-Alaska Arrival InterAct Alaska staff will provide you with supportive materials and a coach, should you seek to raise funds and build a Support Team for your internship. Your coach will meet with you several times, by phone or Skype, to assist you in building your team.

B. Training After connecting with our missionaries at our Annual Conference, the *EnGage!* experience begins with several days of intensive training covering such topics as Alaska Native worldview and culture, community living, practical ministry skills, team building and personal spiritual development.

C. OnAssignment

The *EnGage!* Alaska intern’s first (and ongoing) task is to learn and build healthy relationships. As you walk through your internship in this way, you will have moment-by-moment opportunities to demonstrate life as one with a personal relationship with Christ. You will have opportunities to interact

with both believers and non-believers in this relational approach to ministry.

As your internship unfolds, you are a living example of Christ and will participate in activities such as:

- visiting people where they live and work
- attending local social functions
- participating in recreational activities participating in community activities and seasonal events
- giving practical assistance
- supporting local believers (or church) with their ministry learning how life works and learning new skills in your host culture
- regular connections with your internship mentor Your internship will progress through several different stages. Each of these stages will help you be strategic in your learning, your relationship developments and the opportunities God places before you in the community. Each stage of your internship will be described during the training period and will be addressed weekly with your mentor.

C. Debrief The *EnGage!* experience concludes with a debrief time back at the Lazy Mountain Campus; a time when all interns regroup for a time of relaxing, sharing, praying and planning for life after *EnGage!*

III. Miscellaneous Information A. Personal Medical Insurance Coverage – InterAct Ministries requires medical insurance coverage for all *EnGage!* participants. If you do not currently have insurance, third-party coverage is available. Contact InterAct Ministries for details. (*In addition, we require you to purchase LifeMed at \$49.00 annually, which covers any emergency transport for medical issues.*)

B. Sexual/Child Abuse Screening Policy – Sexual and child abuse are significant problems in our society. Many times people who engage in that behavior have been victims of such abuse themselves. Because of this, and the fact that most *EnGage!* participants minister to children and/or youth, InterAct Ministries will make every reasonable effort to determine if an applicant has an abusive history or a history of being abused. At the mission's expense, criminal background checks will be conducted for all applicants. However, having a criminal record does not, in itself, disqualify one from service with InterAct.

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