



## ***EnGage!* Program Profile Alaska Native Communities**

***Locations:*** *EnGage!* begins 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 Lazy Mountain campus for debriefing at the conclusion of the summer program.

***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. Training**

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.

#### **B. On Assignment**

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.
- 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.