



Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center

• a new building to serve our community, our visitors, our shared land •



Join our Kenai Refuge VOLUNTEERS

Do you have experience in:

- Customer Service
- Resource Interpretation
- Education
- Visual Arts
- Graphic Design
- Foreign Language
- Outdoor Recreation
- Biological Sciences

We are looking for volunteers to help in the Visitor Center and on other field-based projects!



Hands-on training is provided and volunteer hours can be accrued towards the Federal Volunteer Access Pass.



**Ask at the Front Desk or
call Ranger Leah at 907-260-2811 for details today!**



Project Details

A Design-Build contract for this approximately 6,500 square foot Visitor Center was awarded in September 2012. SIKU Construction, LLC, an Alaska Native-owned 8a company is the Prime Contractor.

*Groundbreaking is scheduled for Spring 2013.
Opening is scheduled for Fall 2014.*



The Visitor Center will serve as a window and passageway, both figuratively and literally, into the natural environment of the Refuge. It will educate and engage the public in the mission of the Refuge, Alaska's other National Wildlife Refuges, and the National Wildlife Refuge System.

The new building's design and site location encourages exploration through a series of learning opportunities beginning at the parking lot and continuing throughout the lobby and exhibit hall. This journey of discovery draws visitors outside to the south terrace where views of the Refuge and an extensive trail system await.

Community Benefits

This visitor center is designed to serve the needs of our community, our visitors and our shared land.

Gathering - the multipurpose room and lobby will offer flexible spaces to host events and meetings and presentations.

Discovery - the center will offer a wide range of interesting indoor and outdoor activities, perfect for year-round visitors of all ages.

Education - Exhibits and Ranger-led programs will expand current opportunities for school field trips, homeschool visits and family outings

Sustainable Design

The Visitor Center will meet or exceed the Department of Interior's energy conservation standards, and will attain a minimum LEED Silver certification.



Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) is a suite of rating systems that provide a framework to guide the building process and evaluate the quality and quantity of "green" choices implemented by the project. Visit www.usgbc.org/leed for more information.

Sustainable Design features include -

- A photovoltaic array will provide 9% of total energy needs
- Water efficient design will use 30% less water than similar buildings
- Daylight maximizing interior spaces will reduce the seasonal need for artificial lighting

Building Features

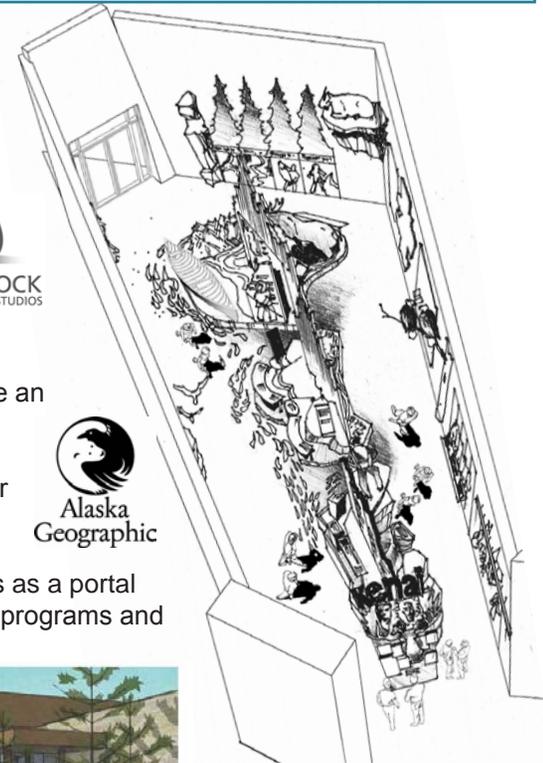
- **Exhibit Hall** - state-of-the-art interactive exhibits by Split Rock Studios will interpret the wealth of natural and cultural history on the Kenai Peninsula



- **Alaska Geographic Bookstore** - our non-profit educational partner will feature an expanded array of wildlife, educational and recreational products to enhance the visitor experience



- **The South Terrace** - serves as a portal to nature viewing, interpretive programs and trail hikes



A bird's eye view of the exhibit hall reveals hands-on fun for all ages and abilities