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SUMMER FUN

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Summer fun — what have you done?

You’ve got three months to enjoy sun, hot weather and all that is green, but what’s the best way to go about it? Learn from the pros. These middle-schoolers attended UAF’s Alaska Summer Research Academy (ASRA) for two weeks in June through the College of Natural Science and Mathematics. The students learned a lot about science and engineering, but they and their instructors also learned a lot about how to enjoy summer. They’d like to share what they learned with you.

— Meghan Murphy, public information officer, UAF’s college of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

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Above: Remember that kindness and cute animals bring people together.

Right: “Lego” of your cellphone even if you have to make a logo robot to carry it away.

Above: Build it and they will come, especially if it’s a remotely operated underwater vehicle with a camera.

Right: Take long waddles and have a honking good time.

Meet the locals and find out where they hang out.

Try something new like running on a non-newtonian fluid called oobleck.

Leave a place better than you found it.

Follow up fun in the mud with water fun (it’s cleaner that way).