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Summer of Fun with AI and Seldovia's Youth

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What a great summer, full of activities for the youth of Seldovia! We hiked, swam, fished, played, paddled, jumped, waded, camped, cooked, explored, laughed, ate, created, learned and most of all, enjoyed hanging out together!



Thank you to the Seldovia Village Tribe who provided the staff, equipment, travel costs, food and great support for all the fun activities we enjoyed this summer.

Enjoy this sampling of a few of our Seldovia adventures 2010!





We had our very first rafting trip and this group is hooked! We camped on the bank of Kenai Lake and rafted two different sections of the river. We geared up and practiced commands and paddling skills on Hidden Lake before heading down the river.

The first trip was from Lower Kenai Lake to Jim's landing (near Skilak Lake Rd.). The second section of the Kenai we rafted was from Bing's Landing (near Sterling) to Swiftwater (near Soldotna). Mostly class II waters with a touch of class III, great practice and our crew is ready for the next trip.





Kasitsna Bay Lab was exciting this year; we built our own underwater robots to maneuver through the water. The best design mounted a camera on the craft and remote controlled under K-Bay dock. Like a video game the controller dodged sea anemonies and little sea creatures during the expedition.





Red Mountain Saddle



Sounding Board Hike with the older kids (Notice Seldovia at the top of the photo!)



This was our third year to the Oyster farm, and as always, we had a blast. We practiced our boating skills while the kids took turns driving us around Jakolof and the farm. Ate lots of Oysters and fished off the scow. Thanks to owner Mike Nakada for the good times in Jakolof.





Yaay to the new hikers coming up, playgroup hiked every Wednesday exploring Seldovia. We hiked, tide pooled, and practiced staying together.





Tutka Bay was an exploration trip, as none of the crew had ever been to the head of the bay before. At high tide Tom Hopkins dropped us at the waterfall on a small beach located on the left side of the bay. Once the tide went out enough we hiked across the flats and continued up the river to find our campsite on a sand bar. Camp was set and we explored the valley during the day from home base. The weather was perfect, the excitement was new and the experience unforgettable.







With some new campers this year, we practiced cold water/boating safety this year with Ranger Joe McCullough. We talked about camping safety and survival skills, worked on our fire building technique and tide pooled with biologist Kris Holderied from NOAA. Seldovia has a great bunch of kids, we had so much fun!!!





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