

Ocean Challenge 2015 Week One Testimonies

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“My Experience at Chiniak was very reflective and healing. I’ve been struggling with personal things like my relationships in my family and being motivate and determined to love the people around me. But being at Chiniak, I felt like everything will be ok, because God loves me, and God showed me that through the gorgeousness of the mature and the incredible love and acceptance I received from the people.-- –I really received the love in my life that I’ve been lacking and needing. Now, I feel like I can give more love because of how much love God was able to fill me up with through other people. Chiniak is a place that will plant seeds of love, hope, and passion in people’s hearts. I pray that the Unification Church can have it forever because it is such an incredible place to grow. (Especially because of the lack of signal). THANK YOU NOCP, FOR BRINGIN G ME TO CHINIAK, ALASKA.”



“Chiniak was very enjoyable and it was a very exciting. I didn’t think it would be so fun and it will be a moment I will always remember.”

“The beauty was striking and in itself surpassed any struggles or ill feelings I had while attending.----But what I feel I should express is my satisfaction and feeling of being content w/ everything I had in the moments while fishing. There were no needs or desires that had to be fulfilled. I was amongst brothers and sisters in a gem of this planet with a quiet mind that did not fret over the next minutes left to pass.”

“Chiniak was a great experience for me. I was able, in fishing, to connect spiritually with God and possibly True Father.”



“Kodiak is just so amazing. I am so glad that I came here and that I am able to experience all these amazing moments. I did fishing before and always loved it because even if you don’t catch any fish I love the time because it is best time to reflect about myself, my life. I can really feel God’s heart through fishing and I feel so connected to God and True Father and I think I am supposed to be here and experience all these beautiful things. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to be here and experience Kodiak at its best.

“I have never experienced a place like Chiniak. I can see so much potential in the land but we are not maximizing it. My short time there allowed me to be with nature helped release a lot of built up emotion in a safe and private place. Exploring the property let me feel like I was in a movie wandering into hidden houses and spots. This place allowed each person to really connect to one another. Before the camping experience the participants were not very close. And then after it feels like we can’t let go of one another. I had a fantastic experience and would love to go back and enjoy those black sands once again.”



“It was physically, mentally, and spiritually relaxing. I was able to realize the beauty of the world around us even if it was for just 3 days. Also the environment and my experience could not have been as successful and fulfilling had there not been the nice and truly loving people around me. The river fishing opened up my eyes and I learned how much focus, patience, and faith you need to fish.----I also learned

and got a little bit closer to figuring myself out and who I am and see what I can achieve with my own abilities as well as what the help of others can help accomplish.”

“The thing I gained out of Chiniak was mostly the beautiful creation of Chiniak. I knew that when I struggle about something I just have to step outside the building to see God right before my eyes. So that helped me a lot. I already miss Chiniak’s nature! If I look at it, it calmed me down and made me so happy. It kind of reminded me, how much I need the nature. How much I depend on it. And how much I feel God in the nature! Often you don’t appreciate the things you have. Just after you lose, you understand how precious those things are. So I learned out of it, to never forget how precious life it.”

“Overall I felt my experience in Chiniak was a good learning experience as well as fun. I enjoyed learning about how to fish and fillet, and catching my first salmon was an exciting accomplishment. However the biggest thing I learned was more about me. I learned that I can be very self-centered. I look to gain happiness for myself through the environment and people around me in a way that is more using them rather than appreciation. When I caught fish it was only from appreciation or gratitude or something, then they just came. When I wanted something to give me joy or love I got nothing and I felt so empty. It was a bit scary realizing this because I believe how someone does one thing is how they do everything. If I am like this fishing that’s who I am all the time. So it was an eye opening experience that I hope to use to motivate myself to be able to appreciate my environment, the people here, and the moment God is giving me. After all, there is only one right here and right now, might as well make it count.”

“(I’m very bad at English, but I will try to write in English) Chiniak was a so beautiful place. The sea, the lake, the rivers, the forest, the sky, the fishes living in the river, the birds, the wind, how the nature was changing etc. etc... Everything was amazing. And also, there was a comfortable place for rest and sleep. Before I get there, I was thinking that we have to sleep in a tent, under the cold rain, and we have to fishing in the mud. So I’m so appreciate those people who prepare for us that beautiful place. (But now I’m thinking about that maybe we could have good experiences in a difficult situation, feel what True Parents and the pioneers did here in Alaska.)----At the river fishing, I was waiting for a special spiritual experience, but I think, I haven’t it. Maybe I haven’t an exact goal to get, yet. I have to think more about why I came here, to this NOCP, and know what I wanting to be after this. But the river fishing was very joyful. I could enjoy the nature and I could stay long time fishing. There were many times that I couldn’t catch anything, and was, maybe bored. But I stilled fishing because I thought that maybe that time I spent fishing is can be a good condition for can have experiences with God later or good results at ocean fishing.”

