Greatest Classrooms on Earth

Students on Ice (SOI) is an award-winning organization offering unique ship and land-based expeditions to the Arctic and Antarctic. Our goal is to provide students with a transformative learning experience in one of the most fascinating, wild and awe-inspiring places on Earth.

The 17th annual Arctic Expedition will bring together more than 100 high school and university students from across the Arctic and around the world along with inspiring scientists, elders, artists, musicians, dignitaries, authors, teachers and innovators. Immersed in nature and engaged in cross-disciplinary activity, students will be inspired, motivated, educated and challenged.
THE JOURNEY

The 2017 Arctic Expedition begins in Canada’s capital city, Ottawa. We will fly to Resolute Bay, Nunavut and set sail through the Canadian high Arctic to Sirmilik National Park, Beechey Island and over to the eastern entrance of the Northwest Passage where we will meet up with the Canada C3 expedition ship in Pond Inlet. This will be a rare opportunity to be a part of history by contributing to national discussions around youth, the environment, diversity & inclusion, and reconciliation with all the amazing participants onboard.

Our ship will then cross the Davis Strait to western Greenland where we will explore communities, coasts, islands and fjords including the famous Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Our expedition will end in Kangerlussuaq, where we will board our charter flight back to Ottawa.

JOIN THE EXPEDITION

If you are interested in joining the 2017 Arctic expedition, either as a student or staff member, please contact Students on Ice at 1-866-336-6423 or expedition@studentsonice.com. Visit studentsonice.com for more information.

The expedition fee is $12,500 CAD from Ottawa, Canada. Students may also inquire about our wide range of scholarship opportunities. Last year, thanks to the generosity of our partners and sponsors, 80% of students were fully-funded to participate in the 2016 Arctic Expedition.

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FLOATING CLASSROOM

The M/V Ocean Endeavor serves as our floating home and classroom throughout the expedition. The ice-strengthened hull permits our ship to go safely through polar waters. Her draft and maneuverability allow her to access isolated fiords, bays and secluded communities. The vessel has a 1B ice-class rating, advanced communications and navigation equipment, an experienced crew and is fully equipped with a fleet of 20 Zodiacs.

Canada C3 is a signature initiative led by the SOI Foundation for Canada’s 150th Anniversary of Confederation, connecting Canadians from Coast to Coast to Coast. Learn more at CanadaC3.ca
The Arctic is a powerful experiential learning environment, fostering in youth a deeper understanding of, and appreciation for, the natural world. Through place-based learning, cross-cultural discussions and hands-on workshops students also form connections with fellow students and expert staff who help to shape, inspire and support their learning and goals.

Indigenous youth and educators from the North and beyond are an integral part of every SOI expedition, helping us to explore and understand the places we visit. SOI expeditions catalyze interest in, awareness of and appreciation for Inuit culture and traditional homelands.

**Connect**

**Annually, more than 30%** of expedition participants call the North home

“Being around Inuit and learning more about my culture and the way of life of our elders helped me connect to my home. The experience changed the way I look at the world and the importance of my culture in it.”

CHAIM ANDERSEN, NAIN, NL

STUDENT 2014
“Over the past 15 years, Students on Ice has benefited the Arctic, its people, and youth worldwide in profound and unique ways. SOI reminds each of us that we need to get involved for the sake of our planet.”

H.H.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco, Honorary Chair of the Students On Ice Foundation

The Arctic is a critical and essential part of our Planet. It illuminates our history and is a cornerstone of our global ecosystem and our future. It is a homeland, wilderness, frontier, laboratory and classroom on the frontlines of environmental, cultural, political, social and economic change.

The 2017 Arctic Expedition will be a profound hands-on experience for youth to bridge cultures, learn from experts about climate change, biodiversity, traditional knowledge and gain the inspiration and motivation needed to help lead us to a healthier and more sustainable future.

Each day will be filled with:
- Presentations
- Hands-on Workshops
- Panel Discussions
- Field Research
- Hikes and Paddles
- Visits to Arctic communities
- Wildlife encounters
- Time for reflection
The expedition is just the beginning of a life-long journey of discovery and understanding. Post-expedition, participants become part of a supportive alumni network of over 2,700 youth from 52 countries making a difference in their communities and beyond.

SOI Alumni gain access to unique online platforms, opportunities, and a robust mentorship network to help them achieve their goals.

The expedition and SOI’s Alumni Program inspire and support alumni to:

- Share their experiences through presentations, media, writing books and producing documentaries
- Become globally-minded citizens engaged in their communities
- Define career goals and pursue dreams
- Earn scholarships and internship opportunities
- Access research grants
- Get involved in or form youth networks, working towards addressing social and environmental issues
- Collaborate with partners, policy and decision makers

“IT made me realize how change really does start one person at a time, and, with the right group of people, anything is possible.”

REEM TOTAH, PALESTINE, STUDENT 2016

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