

## USGS-Supported Volcanology Field Class Experiences Katmai on the Centennial of the Great Eruption

Eighteen students and scientists from the US, Russia, UK, China, Malaysia, and the Philippines set out on the 100th anniversary of the Katmai eruption for ten days of field-based study and explanation in Katmai National Park. The class is conducted under an MOU between Kamchatka State University and the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF). Pavel Izbekov (UAF) and John Eichelberger (USGS) co-lead the class, with John providing the “Volcanology 101” and Katmai geology lectures and Pavel providing some petrological insights. Scientists provide lectures on their specialties and stimulate discussions with students. Conditions are challenging but engaging, with a productive close cross-cultural bond developing among students. It is really a 24 h/day class that includes camping, cooking, mountain travel and survival skills as well as science. With the advent of social media such as Facebook and Skype, students form long-lasting, long-distance networks.

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