

# Ember & Oak Institute

## Family Program Guide

### Where Ancient Wisdom Meets Modern Innovation

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*A comprehensive guide for Alaska families exploring enhanced education through community learning, traditional skills, and innovative approaches to preparing children for tomorrow's challenges.*

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## Welcome to Your Family's Learning Adventure

Dear Alaska Families,

If you've found your way to this guide, you're likely asking the same questions we were: How do we prepare our children for a rapidly changing world while maintaining the values, skills, and community connections that have sustained families for generations?

Ember & Oak Institute was born from this question. Our program serves Alaska homeschool families who want more than just academic education—they want community, character, and practical skills that serve others.

**This isn't about dropping your kids off for someone else to educate.** This is about strengthening families through shared learning adventures, building community through service, and preparing children to be leaders who make Alaska—and the world—a better place.

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## Our Educational Philosophy

### "Where Ancient Wisdom Meets Modern Innovation"

We believe the most powerful education happens when time-tested wisdom meets cutting-edge innovation. Your children will learn to make fire with flint and steel, then apply that same persistence and precision to programming AI systems. They'll study traditional preservation methods, then launch actual food businesses. They'll build telescopes by hand, then explore space technology and entrepreneurship.

This integration isn't just educational—it's transformational. Children who understand both ancient principles and modern applications develop unshakeable confidence, creative problem-solving abilities, and the character to lead positive change in their communities.

## Our Four Educational Branches

Every program at Ember & Oak Institute incorporates elements from all four branches, creating comprehensive learning experiences that prepare children for any future path while honoring timeless wisdom.

### **Ember Tech: "Ancient Logic, Modern Code"**

Where traditional problem-solving meets cutting-edge technology. Students learn programming by first understanding the logical thinking that built ancient civilizations, then applying those same principles to AI development, web design, and digital innovation.

#### **Examples of Integration:**

- Study ancient mathematical principles, then program AI systems using those same logical foundations
- Learn traditional navigation methods, then build GPS applications
- Understand historical communication systems, then develop modern networking solutions

### **Oak Ventures: "Timeless Trade, Modern Markets"**

Where traditional commerce meets contemporary entrepreneurship. Students learn business principles by studying how ancient civilizations created value, then apply those insights to modern markets and digital commerce.

#### **Examples of Integration:**

- Study ancient trade routes and principles, then develop modern supply chain businesses
- Learn traditional craftsmanship, then create artisan businesses using modern marketing
- Understand historical economic systems, then build contemporary financial literacy

### **Steady Flame: "Ancient Wisdom, Modern Hearts"**

Where timeless character development meets contemporary psychology. Students learn emotional intelligence and communication skills by studying how great civilizations built lasting communities, then apply those principles to modern leadership and civic engagement.

#### **Examples of Integration:**

- Study ancient council traditions, then practice modern conflict resolution
- Learn historical leadership principles, then develop contemporary team building skills
- Understand traditional community building, then engage in modern civic participation

### **Industrial Pathways: "Traditional Craft, Modern Innovation"**

Where hands-on traditional skills meet modern engineering and technology. Students learn to build and create using methods that have served humanity for millennia, enhanced by contemporary understanding of materials, safety, and optimization.

### **Examples of Integration:**

- Learn traditional woodworking, then apply precision techniques to modern fabrication
  - Study historical construction methods, then integrate modern engineering principles
  - Master traditional metalworking, then explore contemporary manufacturing and design
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## **Fellowship Membership Options**

Our fellowship structure recognizes that families have different needs, seasons, and capacity for involvement. All fellowship levels are part of the same community, working toward shared goals of raising children with character, competence, and commitment to service.

### **Community Fellows - "Tending the Hearth"**

**Investment: \$45/month per student | \$486/year** (10% discount) **Additional Children: \$25/month each**

#### **What's Included:**

- **Monthly Oak Circle Gatherings:** Community meetups and hands-on learning experiences
- **Digital Resource Library:** Access to basic educational materials and project guides
- **Community Forum:** Online platform for family connection and resource sharing
- **Seasonal Celebrations:** Invitations to special community events and traditions
- **Newsletter & Updates:** Monthly communication and program announcements
- **Tutoring Discounts:** Special rates when tutoring services are available

#### **Perfect For:**

- Families beginning their journey with enhanced education
- Those wanting to experience our community before deeper commitment
- Families who prefer flexibility and minimal structured requirements
- Parents seeking community connection and basic educational enhancement

### **Sapling Fellows - "Growing Strong Roots"**

**Investment: \$125/month per student | \$1,350/year (10% discount) Additional Children: \$70/month each**

**Everything in Community Fellows, Plus:**

- **Structured Learning Paths:** Guided progression through all four educational branches
- **Field Expedition Priority:** First access to industrial site visits and educational trips (includes 1 parent per child)
- **Full Digital Resource Library:** Complete access to curriculum, project guides, and assessment tools
- **Course Enrollment Discounts:** 15% discount on all individual courses and programs
- **Workshop Priority Registration:** 2 weeks early access to workshop registration
- **Tutoring Discounts:** Enhanced rates when tutoring services are available

**Perfect For:**

- Families ready for systematic progression through comprehensive programming
- Those wanting structured guidance while maintaining flexibility
- Families planning to participate in multiple courses throughout the year
- Parents seeking enhanced educational support with priority access

**Mighty Oak Fellows - "Reaching for the Sky"**

**Investment: \$245/month per student | \$2,646/year (10% discount) Additional Children: \$135/month each**

**Everything in Sapling Fellows, Plus:**

- **Personalized Learning Journey Development:** Customized educational paths based on individual interests and goals
- **Advanced Project Opportunities:** Access to specialized materials, equipment, and mentorship
- **Family Guidance and Consultation Sessions:** Regular strategic planning for your family's educational journey
- **Course Enrollment Discounts:** 25% discount on all individual courses and programs
- **Workshop First Refusal Access:** 4 weeks early registration for all workshops and events
- **Priority Access:** First availability for new programs and beta testing opportunities
- **Tutor Certification Pathway:** Upon completion of requirements, students can become certified tutors
- **Field Expeditions:** Premium access including 1 parent per child enrolled

## Perfect For:

- Families committed to comprehensive, long-term educational transformation
  - Those seeking maximum personalization and premium support
  - Families ready to invest significantly in their children's future leadership development
  - Parents wanting premium access and comprehensive guidance for their family's journey
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## Signature Programs & Courses

### **Ember Tech Programs**

#### "Ancient Logic, Modern Code"

##### **Game Design Innovation (From Go to Fortnite) - 6 weeks**

**Investment: \$600/student** Explore game design by studying ancient strategic games, then applying those principles to modern digital game development and entrepreneurship.

##### **AI and Technology Foundations - 6 weeks**

**Investment: \$600/student** Learn programming by first understanding logical thinking principles from ancient civilizations, then applying those same principles to modern AI development and web design.

##### **Telescope Building Foundations (Galileo's Tube to Digital Stars) - 6 weeks**

**Investment: \$700/student** Transform from telescope building to space technology and astronomy business development. Students hand-build telescopes using traditional methods, then explore modern space technology.

##### **Space Innovation Foundations (Stargazing to Space Science) - 6 weeks**

**Investment: \$600/student** Comprehensive exploration of space science, from ancient astronomy to modern space technology and entrepreneurship opportunities.

##### **Advanced Space Technology - 6 weeks**

**Investment: \$650/student** Advanced exploration of space technology, engineering principles, and commercial space industry applications.

### **Oak Ventures Programs**

#### "Timeless Trade, Modern Markets"

##### **Fire to Fork Pathway (Primitive Skills to Food Entrepreneurship) - 6 weeks**

**Investment: \$650/student** Journey from traditional food preservation and cooking methods to modern food business development and entrepreneurship.

### **Governance Foundations (Civil Discourse & Democratic Participation) - 6 weeks**

**Investment: \$600/student** Study historical governance systems and apply those insights to modern civic engagement and leadership development.

### **Economic Systems Innovation - 6 weeks**

**Investment: \$600/student** Explore economic principles from ancient civilizations through modern markets, with practical applications for young entrepreneurs.

### **Commercial Kitchen Intensive - when available**

**Investment: \$750/student** Intensive hands-on experience in commercial food production, safety systems, and food business development.

### **Steady Flame Programs**

#### **"Ancient Wisdom, Modern Hearts"**

Programs in this branch are integrated throughout all offerings, focusing on character development, emotional intelligence, and community leadership skills.

### **Industrial Pathways Programs**

#### **"Traditional Craft, Modern Innovation"**

Hands-on programs integrating traditional craftsmanship with modern engineering and technology applications.

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## **Workshop & Event Pricing**

### **Single-Day Workshops**

- **STEM Exploration Workshops:** \$85/student
- **Entrepreneurship Bootcamps:** \$95/student
- **Technology Skills Workshops:** \$105/student
- **Traditional Skills Workshops:** \$75/student

### **Weekend Intensives (2-day programs)**

- **Telescope Building Weekend:** \$245/student

- **Business Launch Intensive:** \$285/student
- **Advanced AI Workshop Series:** \$325/student

### **Family Workshops (includes up to 2 adults + 3 children)**

- **Family STEM Days:** \$195/family
- **Family Business Planning:** \$215/family
- **Traditional Skills for Families:** \$165/family

### **Member Benefits for Workshops:**

- **Community Fellows:** Standard registration when open enrollment begins
  - **Sapling Fellows:** Priority registration (2 weeks before open enrollment), 10% discount
  - **Mighty Oak Fellows:** First refusal access (4 weeks before open enrollment), 15% discount
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## **Individual Services**

### **Tutoring & Mentorship**

- **1:1 Tutoring Sessions:** \$75/hour
- **Small Group Tutoring** (2-4 students): \$45/hour per student
- **Project Consultation:** \$85/hour
- **Family Educational Planning:** \$95/hour

### **Custom Programs**

- **Homeschool Co-op Partnerships:** Custom pricing based on group size
  - **Corporate/Organization Workshops:** \$1,250/day + materials
  - **Private Family Intensives:** \$2,100/weekend (up to 6 family members)
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## **Special Pricing & Discounts**

### **Sibling Discounts (Individual Courses & Workshops)**

- **2nd Child:** 20% discount
- **3rd+ Child:** 35% discount

### **Group Discounts**

- **Homeschool Co-op Groups (8-12 families):** 15% discount on all programming

- **Homeschool Co-op Groups (13+ families):** 25% discount + custom programming options
- **Educational Institution Partnerships:** 20% professional courtesy discount

## Bundle Packages & Special Offers

### "Complete Explorer Package" (Annual)

- Sapling Fellowship + 3 Individual Courses + 4 Workshops
- **Regular Price:** \$4,650 | **Package Price:** \$3,953 (15% savings)

### "Innovation Leader Package" (Annual)

- Mighty Oak Fellowship + 1 Complete Pathway + 6 Workshops + Family Intensive
  - **Regular Price:** \$6,846 | **Package Price:** \$5,477 (20% savings)
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## Payment Options & Policies

### Payment Methods Accepted

- **Credit/Debit Cards** (Stripe processing)
- **Bank Transfers/ACH**
- **Cash** (in-person only)
- **Bitcoin** (BTC)
- **Barter Services/Goods** (pre-approved arrangements, limited availability monthly)
- **Alaska Homeschool Allotment** (through approved correspondence programs)

### Payment Plans

- **Monthly Memberships:** Auto-renewal, cancel 30 days prior
- **Annual Memberships:** 10% discount, paid in full
- **Individual Courses & Programs:** Payment in full at registration
- **Barter Arrangements:** Pre-approved services/goods arrangements available (limited availability monthly)

### Cancellation Policy

- **Memberships:** 30-day notice required
  - **Courses:** Full refund if cancelled 14+ days before start
  - **Workshops:** 50% refund if cancelled 7+ days before event
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# The Experience

## What Your Child Will Experience

- **Hands-on Learning:** Every program balances theory with practical application
- **Real-world Projects:** Students create actual products, businesses, and solutions
- **Community Connection:** Multi-age learning environments that build lasting friendships
- **Character Development:** Leadership opportunities and service-learning integration
- **Future Preparation:** Skills and confidence for any career path or life direction

## What Your Family Will Experience

- **Community:** Connections with like-minded families throughout Alaska
- **Growth:** Watching your children develop confidence, skills, and character
- **Adventure:** Shared learning experiences that strengthen family bonds
- **Purpose:** Contributing to something larger than individual family goals
- **Support:** Guidance and encouragement for your family's educational journey

## What Your Community Will Experience

- **Leadership:** Young people prepared to serve and lead with character
  - **Innovation:** Fresh perspectives and solutions to local challenges
  - **Stability:** Families committed to long-term community investment
  - **Growth:** Economic and social development through educated, engaged citizens
  - **Legacy:** A model for education that serves Alaska families for generations
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## Getting Started

### Step 1: Family Discussion

Use these questions to explore fit:

- What kind of community do we want our children to grow up in?
- How important is it that our kids learn practical, real-world skills?
- Are we willing to be involved in our children's education beyond just oversight?
- Do we want our family to contribute to making Alaska communities stronger?

### Step 2: Attend an Information Session

- **Monthly Oak Circle Gatherings:** Open to prospective families
- **Individual Family Consultations:** Available by appointment
- **Community Events:** Seasonal celebrations and special programs

### Step 3: Choose Your Fellowship Level

- **Start with Community Fellows** to experience our approach
- **Upgrade anytime** as your family's needs and interests develop
- **Community support** available for families needing assistance

### Step 4: Join Your First Oak Circle

- **What to bring:** Notebook, water bottle, comfortable clothes for hands-on activities
  - **What to expect:** Welcome and introductions, demonstration of current learning focus, community building activity, service project planning
  - **Community connection:** Meet other families committed to comprehensive education
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## Enrollment Calendar

### Winter Solstice Enrollment (December)

**Focus:** Inner development and foundation building

- Emphasis on family bonding and traditional skills
- Indoor projects and planning for spring activities
- Community dinners and storytelling traditions

### Spring Equinox Enrollment (March)

**Focus:** Growth and new beginnings

- Building projects and garden planning
- Expansion of outdoor activities and field trips
- Business planning and entrepreneurship launch

### Summer Solstice Enrollment (June)

**Focus:** Achievement celebration and outdoor exploration

- Maximum field trip and outdoor activity season
- Market Day and community event participation

- Showcase of family learning and projects

## **Autumn Equinox Enrollment (September)**

**Focus:** Community building and harvest celebration

- Reflection on learning and growth
  - Community service project launches
  - Preparation for deeper winter learning
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## **Your Investment in Community**

When you join Ember & Oak Institute, you're not just purchasing educational services—you're investing in a community of families committed to raising children who will strengthen Alaska for generations to come.

The differences are in frequency, personalization, and additional support services. All families are part of the same community working toward shared goals.

### **What You Receive**

- Educational experiences that exceed academic standards
- A community of like-minded families supporting each other
- Practical skills that serve families and communities
- Children prepared for leadership and service
- Connections throughout Alaska's business and civic communities

### **What You Contribute**

- Your family's unique skills, knowledge, and perspective
- Participation in community service projects
- Support and encouragement for other families
- Time and energy to build something lasting
- Commitment to raising children who serve others

### **What We Build Together**

- Children prepared for any career path with confidence and character
- Families strengthened through shared adventure and common purpose
- Communities enriched by engaged, skilled, and caring citizens

- A model for education that honors both tradition and innovation
  - A legacy that serves Alaska families for generations
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## Ready to Begin Your Family's Adventure?

### Contact Information:

- **Email:** [info@emberandoakinstitute.com](mailto:info@emberandoakinstitute.com)
- **Phone:** 971-227-6038
- **Website:** [www.emberandoakinstitute.com](http://www.emberandoakinstitute.com)

### Next Steps:

1. **Email us** with your family information and questions
2. **Schedule** a family consultation to discuss your goals
3. **Attend** an Oak Circle gathering to experience our community
4. **Begin** your family's learning adventure

### Follow Our Journey:

- **Website:** [www.emberandoakinstitute.com](http://www.emberandoakinstitute.com)
  - **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/people/Ember-and-Oak-Institute/61577191505451/>
  - **X (Twitter):** <https://x.com/EmberOakInst>
  - **LinkedIn:** <https://www.linkedin.com/company/ember-and-oak-institute/>
  - **Newsletter:** Monthly updates on programs and community news
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*"From the smallest ember springs the mightiest oak, but only when rooted in fertile soil."*

**The soil is family. The community. The shared commitment to raising children who will make Alaska—and the world—a better place.**

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