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**Alaska Pacific University  
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**UAF MATANUSKA EXPERIMENT FARM FIELD TRIP  
February 14<sup>th</sup>**

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Please join us for a visit to the UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm and Extension Center (MEFEC), home to captive moose and caribou and a brand-new nutrition laboratory!

The UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm and Extension Center (MEFEC) is an agricultural research farm located near Palmer and operated by the University of Fairbanks School of Natural Resources and Extension. This farm was established in 1917 by the federal government as part of a larger effort to assess the agricultural potential of Alaska and specifically the Matanuska-Susitna Valley. Of the original seven research farms established in Sitka, Kodiak, Kenai, Rampart, Copper Center, Fairbanks, and Palmer, only the Matanuska and Fairbanks facilities remain.

The Matanuska Experiment Farm has persisted through a century of ups and downs, and in addition to maintaining original structures from the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the farm has grown to include 260 acres of cultivated land, hiking trail access, and 800 acres of forest land used for research and education.

In addition to a program and location steeped in history, the farm also hosts state-of-the-art animal research facilities including digestion balance stalls and a brand-new nutrition laboratory opened in the past year. Current research is focused on methodologies and determinations of diet composition and nutritive quality of forage utilized by herbivores, with the goal of being able to apply this research to evaluation of habitat and reproductive potential of different wildlife populations.

We hope you'll join us on this fun and informative field trip.