



Copper River Stewardship Program 2008

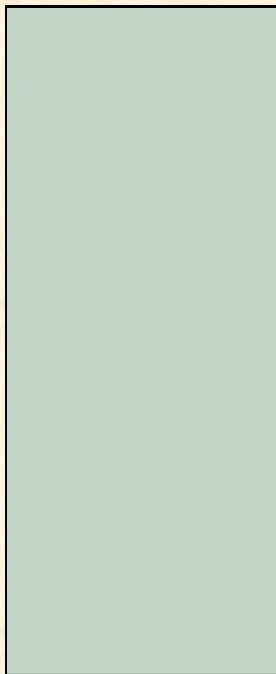
A WISE FUTURE

WISE is continuing to reach out to Alaska communities with new programs. In recent years WISE initiated its fee based Copper River Nature Walk, developed summer camps at Silver Lake, administered the Junior Ranger program for the National Park Service, and brought our summer programs to new communities. In 2008, WISE hired an Executive Director and Naturalist to assist in program development and execution. WISE continues to expanded and strengthened its partnerships with the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management and Copper River School District, Local Native Corporations and the State of Alaska.

WISE is looking at expanding in- classroom programs through the State of Alaska's "Youth First Programs": This program will mentor students through internships and help students prepare for the workforce of the future in the natural sciences .

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WHO WE ARE

WISE is a non-profit group consisting of local teachers, interpreters, colleges and universities, Federal and State agencies, science and learning centers, and local citizens.

OUR MISSION

The WISE provides science and environmental education to all age groups, resources for learning, support for scientific research, facilitates the process of discovery and rediscovery, and instills a connectedness to the land.

OUR VISION

Share the natural world of the Copper River Basin, provide scientific, environmental education, and research services and instill a sense of awe, connectedness, and sacred feeling for the place we live.

GOALS

Provide: SENSE OF PLACE

Cultivate observation skills, understanding, and sensitivity to our biotic, climatic, and environment. Nurture their connections with place both personally and emotionally; and build understanding for how place is influenced by humans.

Develop: INTERCONNECTIONS

Develop an understanding of the how things are interconnected, how ecosystems function, and the cause and effect of human actions on natural systems.

Instill: STEWARDSHIP

Identify ways people can make a difference; take a personal responsibility to sustain our natural and human communities; and inspire stewardship.

OUR PARTNERS

Wrangell St. Elias National Park; Prince William Sound Community College; HAARP & University of Alaska Fairbanks Wrangell Mountains Center; Copper River School District; Copper Valley Development Association & RC&D; Bureau of Land Management; Alaska Department of Fish and Game; Murie Science and Learning Center; Princess Tours; Prince William Sound Science Center; Copper River Watershed Project, Alaska Geographic, Chugatch National Forest ; Alaska Geographic

OUR PROGRAMS

Copper River Country Natural History Tour

Partnering with Princess Tours, WISE is conducting nature tours in the Copper Basin and Wellwood Center Nature Reserve. The tours are designed to make WISE financially self-sustaining and provide visitors a insight into the natural, cultural and biological wonders of the Copper Basin.

Earth Discovery Day

This one day event, the first week in May, targets 4th, 5th and 6th grade students. Learning stations are set up outdoors and focus on geology, Leave No Trace, plant ecology, wildlife, ecological interconnections, recycling, subsistence, fish, observations, astronomy, and orienteering. The event is held at the WRST headquarters.

Changing Seasons

This half day session for 2nd and 3rd grades has four stations focusing on the changes plants, animals, and humans undergo as fall turns to winter. Students also participate in a predator/prey game.

On-Call Programs

School teachers, colleges, scout leaders, church groups, agencies, and organizations can contact WISE to bring science and environmental education programs to their classrooms and groups. Programs have focused on ecology, geology, Leave No Trace, physics and other related subjects for all grade levels and adults. Puppet shows are also part of the WISE curriculum and can be brought to your classroom or group. Other themes can be developed upon request.

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Hands on learning opportunities including raft trips, visits to important watershed sites and bringing communities together.

You can join our partners in supporting the educational goals of WISE.

We also need the help from:

- individual donors
- private and public foundations
- corporate sponsorship
- other agencies and organizations

Would you like to be a volunteer?

Yes ___ No ___

We Need Your Support

___ Yes, I would like to contribute

\$20 ___ \$30 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___

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