Copper River Stewardship Program

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14 hours on a ferry is a very long time in which I took some cool pictures of the cloudy ride to Cordova.
We played some Ninja and slightly sketchy Hacky Sack where we almost had Ocean Hacky Sack.
And we overall had a really great time even though it was 14 hours stuck on a boat.
We canoed the Alaganik which felt like an eternity of rowing and pulling our canoes along.

The watershed is all of the land and geographical features that have to do with the Copper River.
We did the beautiful Haystack Hike where we learned about the temperate Rainforest and squished slugs.

The slug pictured above, we found out, is extremely invasive.

The Copper River Delta has temperate rainforests whereas the Upriver has boreal forests.
Nest Island Maintenance is very hard work, but we had a great time wading, digging endless amounts of Sweet Gale, checking anchors, and having fun. Go Team Dusky!!!

Sweet Gale is the main vegetation used for coverage on the nesting islands.
We had an incredible time on our mudslide after the tide went down.

Tides are one of the many differences between the upriver and Copper River Delta.
We had an amazing time rafting the Gulkana and camping out at different locations. We got the opportunity to man the oars on the rafts while going down the Gulkana. The water upriver is clearer and faster than the water in the Copper River Delta.
Our days were filled with bouncing, pushing, soaking wet socks, delicious food, and lots of laughter.
“That was probably one of the coolest things I have ever done in my life.”
Bloopers

I had a great time making this slide :)
Partners

Thank you so much!!!