

## Summer 2019 OWLS

# Outdoor and Wilderness Leadership Skills

- Earn High School Credit in College and Career Readiness
- Learn Wilderness Skills on Backcountry Expeditions
- Have Fun and Explore with Copper Basin Friends
- Prepare for jobs in Science, Resource Management, or Guiding
- Flexible Schedule to accommodate work or travel

*"The OWLS program was so much fun! I had an amazing time. Not only did I learn things that were pretty cool, I learned things that I will definitely use in the future... This program is a chance to widen your horizons with learning new things and meeting new people. I would totally recommend this to everyone!"*  
Josie, 2018 OWLS



### Program Highlights

- ⇒ 4-Day Introductory Expedition
- ⇒ Job Shadow with an Outdoor Professional
- ⇒ Assist with WISE Programs
- ⇒ 4-Day Student Planned Final Expedition

## 2019 OWLS Schedule

- ⇒ **4 Day Introductory Expedition June 11-14:** We will backpack to Caribou Creek Cabin in Wrangell-St. Elias National Park to learn a wide range of skills, from map reading to outdoor leadership.
- ⇒ **Self-Designed Learning Experiences:** The middle portion of the summer is time for OWLS students to follow their passions! You will job shadow a professional in a career that interests you, assist on WISE programs to gain work experience, and go on your own personal adventures.
- ⇒ **Student Led Final Expedition August 6-9:** Throughout the summer, you will work as a leadership team to plan a 4 day expedition of your choice. OWLS students will plan the location, logistics, the meal plan, and prepare gear, then take the lead as we head into the wilderness.
- ⇒ **Earn Credit!** OWLS has been approved by Copper River School District for students to earn 1/2 credit for College and Career Ready or Elective requirements.

### What kind of career could this program prepare me for?

- Adventure, Hunting, or Fishing Guide
- Park Ranger or Interpreter
- Environmental Educator
- Wildlife or Fisheries Biologist
- Geologist
- Archaeologist
- Land Surveyor
- Resource Management
- Trail Crew
- Wildland Firefighter
- Artist, Writer, Photographer



### Can I participate in OWLS and still have a job and/or travel this summer?

We will have two required elements, the Introductory Expedition and the Final Expedition, but the rest of the summer will be planned by each student to fit their schedule and interests. You will choose when you assist with WISE programs, when/where you job shadow, and plan your own mini expeditions when your schedule allows.

**Applicant Selection Criteria: Ten spaces in the program will be filled on a first-come first served basis. You must qualify based on the following criteria, and turn in fees and paperwork to reserve your place.**

- \* This program is intended for youth who are residents of or have significant ties to the Copper River Valley
- \* Open to students entering 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2019
- \* Have an interest in careers related to the outdoors
- \* Available to participate in introductory and final expeditions
- \* Are self-motivated and willing to continue and document experiences on their own during the summer
- \* Bring all required gear (loaner gear available on request)
- \* Be willing to follow safety and behavior guidelines as set forth by program leaders
- \* Be physically able to hike, camp, and carry personal and group gear
- \* Ability to work as a team with fellow participants
- \* Pay \$300 program fee (Scholarships available, include a scholarship request with application)
- \* Turn in signed liability, medical information, and other pre-trip forms (We will send them when we receive your application)

**Questions?** Call the WISE Office: 822-3575, email [robin@wise-edu.org](mailto:robin@wise-edu.org) website: [www.wise-edu.org](http://www.wise-edu.org)

**Applications are due by May 1, 2019**

Program cost \$300 (Scholarships are available)



Application for Participation in the 2019

Outdoor and Wilderness  
Leadership Skills Program (OWLS)

Application due **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age and Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

School attended and current grade \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (other) \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to request a scholarship in order to participate in this program? \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain your need for a scholarship on the back of this application.

By signing below, I am verifying that I meet the applicant criteria to apply to the 2019 OWLS program

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Applicant Signature

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Date

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Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Parent or Guardian Printed Name

Mail Application to: WISE HC 60 Box 338A Copper Center, AK 99573

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