COPPER RIVER STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

June 15-24, 2020

Do you have a connection to the Copper River watershed? Are you currently in 8-12 grade and ready for an adventure of a lifetime? APPLY NOW!

wise-edu.org/copper-river-stewardship-program

APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 6

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PADDLE TO THE FUTURE
Highlights for the 2020 trip include:

- The opportunity to canoe on the Copper River delta, raft the Gulkana River, boat across Prince William Sound, hike through the interior boreal forest and coastal temperate rainforest, and participate in fun stewardship projects.

- The chance to work with students from throughout the region as you learn and explore the Copper River watershed.

- Optional credit available through your local school district. Ask for more details!

**How to apply:**

- Contact your regional contact for an application, or download one from their websites listed below.

- You must currently be in 8-12th grade.

- Applications will be DUE April 6!

- Cost = $300! **Scholarships available.** For more information, contact the appropriate person for your region listed below. Scholarship requests should be submitted with your application.

**Questions, comments, or to get an application:**

- **Copper Basin/Valdez Contact:** Robin Mayo, Wrangell Institute for Science and Environment
  - phone: 822-3575
  - email: robin@wise-edu.org
  - program website: wise-edu.org/copper-river-stewardship-program

- **Cordova Contacts:** Kate Morse, Copper River Watershed Project
  - phone: 424-3334
  - email:kate@copperriver.org

- Lauren Bien, Prince William Sound Science Center
  - phone: 424-5800 x 231
  - email: lbien@pwssc.org

- program website: tinyurl.com/CRSP-99574

**Project partners:**

- WISE
- Copper River Watershed Project
- Prince William Sound Science Center
- Wrangell-St. Elias
- Chugach National Forest
- National Park & Preserve

**Generous 2019 Sponsors:**

- RCAC
- Alyeska Pipeline Service Company
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- Regional Citizens' Advisory Council
- We Dig Cordova, Alaska
- NOAA
Application for Participation in the 2020 Copper River Stewardship Program
Program Dates: June 15-24, 2020
Applications Due: April 6, 2020

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student Name: _____________________________________________________________

                      Last        First        Middle

Parent or Guardian Name__________________________________________________

Age and Date of Birth:_____________________________________________________

School attended and current grade_________________________________________

Student Email ___________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Email____________________________________________________

Mailing address __________________________ Town, Zip Code____________________

Phone (home)____________________(student cell)____________________(parent cell)____________________

What is the preferred method of pre-trip communication (circle all that apply):

Email  Phone/home  phone/cell

Have you applied for or participated in this program before? If yes, what year:____________________

APPLICANT SELECTION CRITERIA

• This program is intended for youth who have significant ties to Alaska’s Copper River Watershed.
• Currently in 8th-12th grade.
• Willingness to participate in all trip requirements (orientation meeting, daily activities, journaling, final project etc.)
• Available from June 15-24, 2020 and for pre-trip orientation, periodic follow up meetings, and presentations over the course of the following school year.
• Turn in signed liability waiver, medical information, and other pre-trip forms upon request.
• Be willing to follow safety and behavior guidelines as set forth by program organizers and guides.
• Be physically able to camp, hike and carry personal and group gear.
• Ability to work as a team with fellow participants.
• Pay $300 trip fee if selected. Scholarships are available. If requesting a scholarship, please include a request with your application, with a paragraph explaining the circumstances.
• Provide a letter of reference and answer the required questions (on reverse side.)
APPLICATION CHECKLIST

□ Please provide a letter of reference from an adult who knows you well but is not a relative.
□ If you are requesting a scholarship, please include a paragraph explaining the circumstances.
□ Provide answers to the following questions on separate paper. Answers will be judged on relevance, clarity, and completeness. Suggested length: 2 to 4 sentences per answer.
  1. Please describe your connection to the Copper River watershed and why you want to participate in the 2020 Copper River Stewardship Program.
  2. Please describe what you think makes a person a good team player, and describe a time when you have been in a teamwork situation. Explain how you will be a team player if selected for the Copper River Stewardship Program. What strengths and skills will you bring to the team?
  3. Please tell us about a time you were in a challenging situation, and how you handled it. What did you do well, and what could you have done better?
  4. After the program, how will you continue to share the lessons and experiences you gained through participating in the 2020 Copper River Stewardship Program?

APPLICATION CONTACT AND GENERAL QUESTIONS

All materials must be postmarked, emailed or hand delivered to the contact below by April 6, 2020. Final participants will be selected by April 30, 2020.

Copper Basin and Valdez: Robin Mayo, Wrangell Institute for Science and Environment (907) 822-3575 robin@wise-edu.org Mail: WISE, HC 60 Box 338A Copper Center, AK 99573

Cordova: Lauren Bien, Prince William Sound Science Center (907) 424-5800 ext. 231 lbien@pwssc.org Mail: PWSSC, PO Box 705 Cordova, AK 99574 or Kate Morse, Copper River Watershed Project (907) 424-3334 kate@copperriver.org Mail: CRWP PO Box 1560 Cordova, AK 99574

By signing below, I am verifying that I meet the applicant criteria and have submitted all required materials in order to apply to the 2020 Copper River Stewardship Program.

________________________________________________________________________
Applicant Signature

________________________________________________________________________
Printed Name

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Parent or Guardian Signature

________________________________________________________________________
Parent or Guardian Printed Name

PROGRAM PARTNERS

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