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!

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APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 6

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Copper River Stewardship Program Information: June 15-24, 2020

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
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Lauren Bien, Prince William Sound Science Center
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Project partners:

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Copper River Watershed Project
Prince William Sound Science Center
Wrangell-Sitka
Chugach National Forest
Cordova Ranger District

Generous 2019 Sponsors:
Application for Participation in the 2020 Copper River Stewardship Program

Program Dates: June 15-24, 2020
Applications Due: April 25, 2020

Note from the program partners: We recognize there is uncertainty if the program can happen as scheduled, but we are making plans and want to know who is interested in the hopes that it can! If you have questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to reach out to one of the contacts listed on the back of this form. Payment won’t be due until we can confirm the trip can take place as scheduled.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student Name: _______________________________________________________________

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 an orientation, periodic follow up meetings, and presentations over the course of the following school year.
• Turn in signed liability, 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 one of the contacts below by April 25, 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       Date

_____________________________________
Printed Name

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Parent or Guardian Signature     Date

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Parent or Guardian Printed Name

PROGRAM PARTNERS

Chugach National Forest
Cordova Ranger District