



The Adventure of The Copper River Stewardship Program

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As we start our adventure on a 14 hour long ferry ride that turned out surprisingly fun, we take a quick stop in cordova to rest up and the next day we hike up the haystack trail in the temperate rainforest



Now onto the next expedition on our amazing program, we start getting canoes in the water and off to dusky camp we go, where we set up tents, learn amazing things about the place we live, and don't forget the hacky sack and great first night campfire, then thrilling nest island maintenance along the way where we learn lots of facts about dusky camps purpose and the amazing jobs that some of the people pull off



As we finish up at dusky camp and canoe back to Cordova and head to the Prince William Sound Science Center for an amazing last dinner of salmon and salad and to top it off we had an amazing presentation from some local people that taught us all about the fisheries and their development over time



Now as we head back to Valdez people start to think that there are only three days left so we decide to make the most of it right away as we get onto the ferry that awaits, with lots of cards, hacky sack, drawing, and just simply hanging out with new friends from Cordova and other places in South Central Alaska. Now as we reach Valdez we head back to WISE HQ and take a break as we start our adventure on the Gulkana River the next day.





Now we Reach the fun part as we lead off on a daring adventure down the Gulkana River exploring the Copper Basin at every chance we get, eye catching red salmon, eagles, greyling, and much more wildlife along the way, as well as setting up camp along the river and having amazing meals from the people that made this all happen, "I don't think I can forget about the river otters drifting by camp and the white water rapids", although this was only the first two days we still had the fish towers and the scenic final stretch to go

As we reach our final point in our adventure we take in the last glorious views on the river and now we have the great task of getting everything packed up and heading back to WISE, as we prepare to go on our last day hike with new found friends we see there is only one day left in the best expedition in our lifetime, but as we have our final dinner and get ready to leave we take advantage of our last quiz bowl and poetry slam



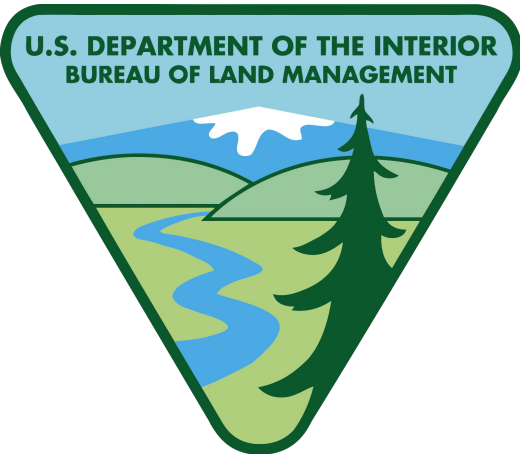
Now after hearing all of this I don't think you would hesitate to sign up but anyway this is one of the most amazing trips I have ever been on and I would strongly advise you to take a risk and go on an amazing 9 day adventure with people that are just as great as the trip if not better, Last thing I have to say is thank you WISE, BLM, CRWP, and everyone else that made this amazing trip come to be and the opportunities we have had along with it



These are all the people that helped
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