

# WANTED: COPPER RIVER AMBASSADORS

*When we see land as a community to which we belong,  
we may begin to use it with love and respect.  
~Aldo Leopold*

Are you interested in rafting on the Copper River, exploring the Copper River Delta, and meeting new peers from communities throughout the Copper River Watershed? Don't miss out on the 2015 Copper River Stewardship Program. We are looking for ten high school students from the region for this year's 11-day adventure. This year will include overnight rafting, canoeing and hiking adventures, and participants will help with habitat stewardship projects that benefit Dusky Canada geese and Chinook salmon. The overall goal of this program is to engage the future leaders of the region (you!) in an active exploration of your surroundings to learn about the history, ecology, and challenges facing the watershed and the wild salmon upon which you and your community depends.

**Trip Dates: July 20 - July 30, 2015**

**Who is eligible?** All current 8-12 graders from the region



2014 participants assisted with maintenance of a nest island used by Dusky Canada geese.



## Highlights for the 2015 trip include:

- \* The opportunity to canoe on the Copper River Delta, raft on the Copper River, and hike through the interior boreal forest and coastal temperate rainforest.
- \* The chance to work with your peers from throughout the region on Dusky Canada goose and Chinook salmon habitat stewardship projects.
- \* JACK IS BACK! Yup'ik storyteller Jack Dalton will be back for another year of fun and creativity! He will work with participants to develop creative projects that share their experiences and lessons learned. Participants have the potential to get high school credit for successful completion of a project.
- \* Participants will learn from and work with experts from a wide range of perspectives. This will not only teach you about a variety of potential careers in the region, but will help you to better understand the many, diverse perspectives that exist in the Copper River watershed.

*Please turn over for more information!*



## How to apply!

\*\*Pick up an application at your school's office, email or call the contacts below, or download it from [www.copperriver.org](http://www.copperriver.org) (go to -programs-->watershed education-->CRSP).

\*\*Applicants must currently be in 8-12th grade.

\*\*Applications DUE MARCH 30th! An independent panel of judges will review applications, and participants will be announced by mid-April.

\*\*Cost = \$250! Scholarships available. For more information, contact the appropriate person for your region listed below. Scholarship requests due April 15th (upon acceptance to the program).

## Quotes from Past Participants:

"It was SO fun! I'd do it again anytime!"

"I had an unexplainably amazing time!"

"It was absolutely amazing,  
life changing even.  
It was so awesome!"

"I love the fact that people come and share their knowledge with us. All were amazing and some people I have seen, but never knew what they did, so it was really cool."



## Questions or comments?

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