

# Application for Participation in the 2016 Copper River Stewardship Program

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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

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

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

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Email            Phone/home            phone/cell

Have you applied for this program before? If yes, what year? \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICANT SELECTION CRITERIA

- This program is intended for youth who are residents of, or have significant ties to, Alaska's Copper River Watershed, and/or the towns of Cordova or Valdez.
- Currently in 8th-12th grade.
- Willingness to participate in all trip requirements (orientation meeting, daily activities, journaling, final project etc.)
- Available from June 27-July 8, 2016 and for an orientation, periodic follow up meetings, and presentations over the course of the following school year.
- Bring items listed on the suggested gear list. If a participant needs to borrow gear, they will provide a list of what they need to program coordinators by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Turn in parent or guardian approval and signed consent and liability forms upon request.
- Provide \$300.00 to help support the trip. **Scholarships are available.** If requesting a scholarship, please include a statement of your financial need with your application.
- Ability to work as a team with fellow participants.
- Be willing to follow safety guidelines as set forth by program organizers and guides.
- Be physically able to camp, hike and carry personal and group gear.
- Complete a final project that will educate others about your experience on the trip and the Copper River watershed.
- Answer the required questions on the second page of this application.

## REQUIRED APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- **Please provide a letter of reference from an adult who knows you well but is not a relative.**

Provide answers to the following questions on separate paper in a clear and legible form. Answers will be judged on relevance, clarity, and completeness.

1. Please describe your interest in the Copper River watershed and why you want to participate in the 2016 Copper River Stewardship Program (CRSP)?
2. What interests and/or skills do you have that you will use to capture/record your experiences, and for your follow-up project?
3. 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.
4. As you grow into and through your adult life, how will you continue to share the lessons and experiences you gained through participating in the 2016 CRSP.
5. Please state no less than five reasons why you should be selected to participate in this year's CRSP.

**All materials must be postmarked, emailed or hand delivered to the contact below by March 30th, 2016.** Final participants will be selected in April.

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

**Cordova:** Kate Morse, Copper River Watershed Project. 424-3334 kate@copperriver.org Mail to 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 2016 Copper River Stewardship Program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

### PROGRAM PARTNERS



Chugach National Forest  
Cordova Ranger District



Raven  
Feathers &  
the Wind