

2017 Copper River Stewardship Program

*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, hiking on the Copper River Delta, and meeting new peers from communities throughout the Copper River watershed? Then don't miss out on the 2017 Copper River Stewardship Program. We are looking for ten high school students for this year's 10-day expedition.

Adventures planned include a multi-day overnight rafting trip, habitat stewardship projects that benefit fish and wildlife, and fun creative writing exercises to help you find your voice.

Our goal 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 depend.

Trip Dates: July 20 - July 29, 2017

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



2015 participants helped maintain Dusky Canada Goose nest islands on the Copper River Delta.



Highlights for the 2017 trip include:

The opportunity to raft on the Copper River, 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.

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 (go to programs-->watershed education-->CRSP) **OR from www.wise-edu.org/copper-river-stewardship-program.html.

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

**Applications DUE MARCH 31st! An independent panel of judges will review applications, and participants will be announced by mid-April.

**Cost = \$300! Scholarships are available upon request with application.

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?

Copper Basin & Valdez Contact: Robin Mayo, Wrangell Institute for Science and Environment
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Cordova Contact: Lauren Bien, Prince William Sound Science Center
phone: 424-5800 ext:231 email: Lbien@pwssc.org

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Application for Participation in the 2017 Copper River Stewardship Program

Program Dates: July 20-29, 2017

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student Name: _____
Last First Middle

Parent or Guardian Name _____

Preferred Name: _____

Age and Date of Birth: _____

School attended and current grade _____

Student Email _____

Parent/Guardian 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 or participated in 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 July 20-29th, 2017 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. Loaner gear available upon request.
- Turn in signed liability, medical information, and other pre-trip forms upon request.
- Provide \$300.00 to help support the trip. **Scholarships are available.** If requesting a scholarship, please include a request with your application, with a paragraph explaining the circumstances.
- 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.
- Ability to work as a team with fellow participants.
- Complete a final project that will educate others about your experience on the trip and the Copper River watershed.
- Answer the required questions (on reverse side.)

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 2017 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? Projects can be articles, presentations, artwork, videos, displays, etc.
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 2017 CRSP?
5. Please state no less than five reasons why you should be selected to participate in this year's CRSP.

APPLICATION CONTACT AND GENERAL QUESTIONS

All materials must be postmarked, emailed or hand delivered to the contact below by March 31, 2017.

Final participants will be selected by April 15, 2017.

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

By signing below, I am verifying that I meet the applicant criteria and have submitted all required materials in order to apply to the 2017 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