

Application for Participation in the 2010 “Copper River Stewardship Program”

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Student Name: _____
Last First Middle

Parent or Guardian Name _____

Student Nickname: _____ *Circle the name you prefer to use.*

Age and Date of Birth: _____

Email (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Students will be selected by the following criteria:

- This program is intended for youth that are from the Copper River watershed or communities that recreate/visit the watershed.
- Are between the ages of 14 and 19 on May 15, 2010.
- Willingness to participate in all trip requirements (work study, journaling, meetings, etc.)
- Be available from July 30th through August 8th and for periodic follow up meetings and presentations over the course of the following school year.
- Bring list of suggested gear. If a participant needs to borrow gear, they will give a list of what they need to program coordinators by May 31st.
- Turn in parent or guardian approval and signed consent forms and liability forms upon request.
- Provide \$250.00 to help support the trip. **Scholarships are available.** If requesting a scholarship, please explain your financial need.
- Ability to work as a team with fellow participants.
- Be willing to follow safety guidelines as set forth by program organizers and river guides.
- Be physically able to raft and carry personal and group gear. (River guides will be providing the rowing of rafts.)
- Complete a project for the program organizers, appropriate schools, and any other major contributor to the program. The presentations can be in various forms and adapted to individual student skills.
- Provide one letter of reference from an adult.
- Answer the following questions:

Provide answers on separate paper in a clear and legible form. Five points are given for each question. Final selection will be made by an impartial committee considering all applications submitted.

1. If selected, how will you continue to share the lessons and experiences you gain in the Copper River watershed as you grow into and through your adult life? *5 points*
2. List the skills you will use to capture information and then how you will illustrate and share your experience. For example poetry, writing, journaling, pod casting, etc. *5 points*

3. Do you consider yourself a team player? Yes or no, please explain. *5 points*
4. Do you or your family have a cultural/ historical tie or tradition to the Copper River watershed or Alaska, for example: hunting; picking berries; commercial, subsistence or sport fishing; camping; hiking; photography, etc.? If yes, please explain. *5 Point*
5. Please state no less than five reasons why you should be selected to participate in this year's river program. *5 points*

The following two questions are **not** part of the selection process but the information would help us learn more about you and your experiences.

6. What is your greatest strength and what is your greatest weakness?
7. Have you ever floated or boated a river? If yes, please explain.

Applications will be reviewed by an independent panel of 3 judges. Applicants will be notified of the final participants selected for summer 2010 by the end of May.

All materials must be postmarked, emailed or hand delivered by **April 26th** to the contact below. Applicants will be notified by the contact (email or phone) to confirm when application is received.

Application Contact: Kate Alexander, Copper River Watershed Project, P.O. Box 1560 Cordova, AK 99574. Kate [@copperriver.org](mailto:kate@copperriver.org).

If you have questions or need more information, please contact:
 In the **Copper Basin:** Bruce James at 822-3575, bjames@wise-edu.org, or Glenn Hart at 822-7238; in **Cordova:** Kate Alexander at Ph 424-3334 or email kate@copperriver.org

Signature

Date

Printed Name

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