Application for Participation in the 2025

Copper River Stewardship Program

Program Dates: June 20-30, 2025

Applications Due: March 31, 2025

**Applicant information**

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

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Preferred Name**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Pronouns**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Parent or Guardian Names \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Student Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Town, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(student cell) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (parent cell)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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? **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Applicant Selection Criteria**

* This program is intended for youth who have significant ties to Alaska’s Copper River Watershed.
* Currently in 8th-12th grade.
* Willingness to participate in all trip requirements (orientation meeting, daily activities, journaling, final project etc.)
* Available from June 20-30, 2025 and for pre-trip orientation, periodic follow up meetings, and presentations over the course of the following school year.
* Turn in signed liability waiver, medical information, and other pre-trip forms upon request.
* Be willing to follow safety and behavior guidelines as set forth by program organizers and guides.
* Be physically able to camp, hike several miles, and carry personal and group gear.
* Ability to work as a team with fellow participants.
* Pay $400 trip fee if selected. **Scholarships are available.** If requesting a scholarship, please include a request with your application. Scholarship recipients will be required to complete a final project.
* Provide a letter of reference and answer the required questions (on reverse side.)

**Application Checklist**

* **Please provide a letter of reference from an adult who knows you well but is not a relative.**
* **If you need a scholarship, please include a brief request explaining the circumstances.**
* **Provide answers to the following questions on separate paper.** Answers will be judged on relevance, clarity, and completeness. Suggested length: 2 to 4 sentences per answer.

1. Please describe your connection to the Copper River watershed and why you want to participate in the Copper River Stewardship Program.
2. Please describe what you think makes a person a good team player, and describe a time when you have been in a teamwork situation. If you are selected what strengths and skills will you bring to the team?
3. Please tell us about a time you were in a challenging situation, and how you handled it. What did you do well, and what could you have done better?
4. After the program, how will you continue to share the lessons and experiences you gained through participating in the Copper River Stewardship Program?

**Application Contact and General Questions**

**All materials must be postmarked, emailed or hand delivered to the contact below by** **March 31, 2025.**

**Copper Basin and Valdez**: **Robin Mayo, Wrangell Institute for Science and Environment** (907) 822-3575

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**or Kate Morse**, **Copper River Watershed Project** (907) 253-4735

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By signing below, I am verifying that I meet the applicant criteria and have submitted all required materials in order to apply to the 2024 Copper River Stewardship Program.

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Applicant Signature Date

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Printed Name

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Parent or Guardian Signature Date

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