

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*

The Copper River Watershed Project, Prince William Sound Science Center, Wrangell Institute for Science and Environment, BLM, National Park Service and the US Forest Service are joining together for the 2011 Copper River Stewardship Program. Ten students from throughout the Copper River watershed are being recruited to participate in this 10-day adventure through their region. The goal of this project is to engage future leaders of the region in an active exploration of their surroundings to learn about the history, ecology and future challenges facing the watershed and the wild salmon upon which you and your communities depend.



Participants from the 2011 Copper River Stewardship Program gather near Summit Lake at the headwaters of the Copper River.

Program dates: June 15-24, 2011



Participants learn about the similarities and differences between up and downriver cultures, fisheries and way of life.

Highlights for the coming summer include:

- * Flightseeing in Wrangell St. Elias National Park & Preserve, Columbia Glacier trip on Prince William Sound, canoe-based camping trip on the Copper River Delta, jet boat ride on the Copper River, and much, much more!
- * The opportunity to work with students from throughout the region to keep our watershed healthy!
- * 1 ENVS Credit available through Prince William Sound Community College.
- * The opportunity to 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.
- * The opportunity to develop exciting, creative outreach materials based on your experience, including press releases, a movie (to be entered in film festivals!), podcasts, art installations, public presentations....and whatever other ideas you may have!

Please turn over for more information!



How to apply!

**Pick up an application at the Copper River Watershed Project office on 1st St, or download from our website at www.copperriver.org.

**Applicants must be between the ages of 14 to 19 on May 15, 2011.

**Applications DUE APRIL 22nd! An independent panel of judges will review applications, and participants will be announced by mid to late May.

**Cost = \$250! Scholarships available.

Quotes from Past Participants:

“It was SO fun! I’d do it again anytime!”

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

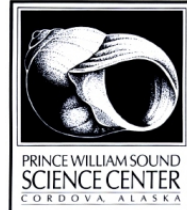
“I love the fact that people come and share their knowledge with us. All were amazing and some people I have seen, but never knew what they did, so it was really cool.”

Questions or comments?

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For more information on how to support our watershed education efforts in the Copper River region, contact Kate Alexander at the information listed above.