

# Application for Participation in the 2011 Copper River Stewardship Program

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## APPLICANT INFORMATION

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

## APPLICANT SELECTION CRITERIA

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- This program is intended for youth that are from the Copper River watershed or communities that recreate/visit the watershed.
- Between the ages of 14 and 19 on May 15, 2011.
- Willingness to participate in all trip requirements (work study, journaling, meetings, etc.)
- Available from June 15-24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and for 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 give a list of what they need to program coordinators by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Turn in parent or guardian approval and signed consent and liability forms upon request.
- Provide \$250.00 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 river guides.
- Be physically able to canoe and hike and carry personal and group gear.
- 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 required questions (see reverse side).

## REQUIRED APPLICATION QUESTIONS

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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*

Applications will be reviewed by an independent panel of 3 judges. Applicants will be notified of the final participants selected for summer 2011 by the end of April.

## APPLICATION CONTACT AND GENERAL QUESTIONS

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All materials must be postmarked, emailed or hand delivered by **April 22, 2011** to the contact below. Applicants will be notified by the contact (email or phone) to confirm when application is received.

**Cordova and outside Copper River watershed:** Kate Alexander, Copper River Watershed Project, P.O. Box 1560 Cordova, AK 99574. Kate @copperriver.org.

**Copper Basin:** Bruce James, 822-3575, bjames@wise-edu.org, or Glenn Hart at 822-7238

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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 2011 Copper River Stewardship Program.

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Applicant Signature

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Date

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Printed Name

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Parent or Guardian Signature

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Date

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Parent or Guardian Printed Name

### PROGRAM PARTNERS



Chugach National Forest  
Cordova Ranger District