



CALISTA EDUCATION AND CULTURE, INC.

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STUDENT APPLICATION 2024 Yuuyaraq Cultural Immersion Camps

What are Yuuyaraq Cultural Immersion Camps?

The Yuuyaraq Cultural Immersion Camps will provide an opportunity for 7th and 8th grade students to learn subsistence hunting, fishing, and harvesting activities from Elders and other camp staff from the Yukon-Kuskokwim and the Coastal regions of the Y-K Delta. The youth will learn Yup'ik/Cup'ik cultural skills, history and values. In addition to practicing leadership roles, they will also learn why it is important to protect and respect wildlife and habitat in our Region.

Yuuyaraq Cultural Immersion Camp Objectives:

- Learn about the Yup'ik "way of life" and Yuuyaraq "the way of being"
- Acquire subsistence skills and knowledge necessary to become self-sufficient adults prepared to take care of families as well as the broader village community
- Learn traditional values, reconnecting with culture and, as a result, helping to continue the Yup'ik way of life
- Appreciate how hard work accompanies success as a leader, hunter, fisherman and a provider
- Develop a sense of respect and care for their natural surroundings
- Understand and practice the virtues of sharing and cooperation
- See how humor and play are so important to cultural activities
- Learn the importance of humility during cultural activities
- Grow in the understanding of life's spiritual connectedness, and how that connectedness impacts success as a leader, hunter, fisherman and gatherer, as well as the ability "to be full" as a human being
- Understand roles in the Yup'ik/Cup'ik "way of doing"
- Develop a sense of responsibility to the continuation of culture
- As future leaders, develop an understanding that will play a role in protecting wildlife and habitat in our region

Yuuyaraq Cultural Immersion Camp Schedule:

Three, eight (8) day camps will take place the summer of 2024. *(Camp location to be determined.)*

Please choose the top two dates you would prefer to attend camp:

Dates:

Tuesday, June 4 to Tuesday, June 11, 2024
 Tuesday, June 25 to Tuesday, July 2, 2024
 Tuesday, July 16 to Tuesday July 23, 2024

First choice:

Second choice:

Who is Eligible?

This camp is open to current 7th or 8th grade students who attend school in the Yupiit School District, the Lower Yukon School District (LYSD), and the Lower Kuskokwim School District (LKSD).



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STUDENT INFORMATION & PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM

Completed applications can be submitted one of the following ways:

- Emailed to: culturecamps@calistacorp.com
- Faxed to: (907) 275-2936
- Mailed to:
 - Calista Education and Culture, Inc.
 - Attn: Annie Pavilla
 - 5015 Business Park Blvd., Ste. 3000
 - Anchorage, AK 99503
- All applications must be received emailed, faxed, or postmarked by Thursday, February 15, 2024.
- Incomplete or late applications will not be considered or reviewed.

Parents/Guardians - for your child to participate in the Yuuyaraq Cultural Immersion Camp we need your consent and your involvement in helping him/her to have a productive experience. Please read and sign this parental consent form for us to continue our process of considering your child to be one of the Yuuyaraq Cultural Immersion Camp students.

STUDENT FIRST NAME		MI	STUDENT LAST NAME			
AGE	CURRENT GRADE	GENDER		DATE OF BIRTH		
YUP'IK/CUP'IK FLUENT? (circle one)		YES	NO	SOMEWHAT		
UNDESTANDING OF YUUYARAQ? (circle one)		YES	NO	SOMEWHAT		
PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN	CELL PHONE	HOME PHONE		WORK PHONE		
RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS	CITY		STATE	ZIP	
SCHOOL DISTRICT	SCHOOL STUDENT ATTENDS		CITY			
PARENT / GUARDIAN EMAIL		STUDENT EMAIL				

I understand that my child, named above, wishes to be considered for the Yuuyaraq Cultural Immersion Camp experience and I hereby give my permission for him/her to participate in that capacity, if accepted by the Yuuyaraq Cultural Immersion Camp. I understand that he/she will be provided with orientation and training necessary to assist in the performance of subsistence activities and that he/she will be expected to meet all of the requirements, including attendance and adherence to Yuuyaraq Cultural Immersion Camp rules.

By signing, I acknowledge that this consent gives my child permission to be transported by CECI staff to and from the camp and on field trips necessary to the camping experience.

In addition, provides my approval and permission for my child to participate in the Yuuyaraq Cultural Immersion Camp activities.

Print Name of Parent / Guardian

Signature

Date



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TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

Completed by a teacher who knows you. (Attach a separate sheet if needed.)

Why do you think this student is a good candidate for the summer Yuuyaraq Cultural Immersion Camps?

Print Name of Teacher

Signature

Date

PARENT / GUARDIAN RECOMMENDATION

Parent / Guardian recommendation and expectation of Yuuyaraq Cultural Immersion Camp and possible suggestions for camp activities.

Print Name of Parent / Guardian

Signature

Date



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STUDENT ESSAY

Why are you interested in participating in the Yuuyaraq Cultural Immersion Camp?

Print Name of Student

Signature

Date

Application checklist: All pages must be filled out completely.

- Student Application and Parental Consent Form
- Teacher / Parent Recommendation Form
- Student Essay

Questions? Call Annie Pavilla at (907) 565-6045 or email at annie.pavilla@calistacorp.com.

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