

CALISTA EDUCATION AND CULTURE, INC.

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STUDENT APPLICATION

2025 Spring Yuuyaraq Cultural Immersion Camp

What are Yuuyaraq Cultural Immersion Camps?

The Yuuyaraq Cultural Immersion Camp 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. Campers will learn Yup'ik/Cup'ik cultural skills, history, and values. In addition to practicing leadership roles, students will also learn why it is important to protect and respect wildlife and habitat where we call home.

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, fisher, 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, fisher, 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

Who is Eligible?

This camp is open to current **7th and 8th grade students who attend school in the Anchorage area.**

Transportation to and from the Calista Corporation Offices is required to participate in the Spring Camp.

Participants will be picked up daily at the Calista Corporate offices, located at 5015 Business Park Blvd, Suite 1200, Anchorage, AK 99503.

Yuuyaraq Cultural Immersion Camp Schedule:

The 5-day camp takes place daily from 8:00am to 5:00pm on March 10th through 14th, 2024.

- Camp will be held in Chugiak at Camp Gorsuch (on Mirror Lake).
- Students and staff will travel as a group to Camp Gorsuch via motorcoach.
- Daily transportation to/from Camp will be provided at the Calista Corporation Offices (5015 Business Park Blvd. Suite 1200).

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STUDENT INFORMATION & PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM

Parents/Guardians - for your child to participate in the 2025 Spring Yuuyaraq Cultural Immersion Camp we need your consent and your involvement in helping them 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 Campers.

STUDENT FIRST NAME		MI	STUDENT LAST NAME		
AGE	CURRENT GRADE	GENDER		DATE OF BIRTH	
YUP'IK/CUP'IK FLUENT? (circle one)					
YES		NO		SOMEWHAT	
UNDEANDING OF YUUYARAQ? (circle one)					
YES		NO		SOMEWHAT	
PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN		CELL PHONE	ALTERNATE PHONE		STUDENT SHIRT SIZE
RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP
ALASKA NATIVE		CALISTA SHAREHOLDER/DECENDANT		SCHOOL STUDENT ATTENDS	
YES NO		YES NO			
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 they will be provided with orientation and training necessary to assist in the performance of subsistence activities and that they 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 CECL 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.

Parent/Guardian Name

Signature

Date

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

Applications will be accepted until the camp is full.

Yuuyaraq Cultural Immersion Camps are hosted by Calista Education and Culture, Inc. and are funded by a US Department of Education Alaska Native Education Program grant.

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PARENT / GUARDIAN RECOMMENDATION

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

Parent/Guardian Name

Signature

Date

STUDENT ESSAY

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

Student Name

Signature

Date