

# CALISTA EDUCATION AND CULTURE, INC.

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## STUDENT APPLICATION 2025 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 2025. *(Camp location to be determined.)*

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

#### Dates:

June 4 – 11, 2025  
June 20 – 27, 2025  
July 8 – 15, 2025

#### First choice:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Second choice:

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### 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](mailto: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 February 20, 2025.
- 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		
SHIRT SIZE	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.

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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?

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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) 310-4062 or email at [annie.pavilla@calistacorp.com](mailto:annie.pavilla@calistacorp.com).

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