What are Culture Camps?
The Culture 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 Kuskokwim and the Coastal regions of the YK Delta. The youth will learn Yup’ik/Cupik 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.

Culture Camp Objectives:
- a) Have the opportunity to teach our young people about Yup’ik “way of life”
- b) Acquire subsistence skills and knowledge necessary to become self-sufficient adults, prepared to take care of their families as well as the broader village community
- c) Learn traditional values, reconnecting them with their culture and, as a result, helping to continue the Yup’ik way of life
- d) Appreciate how hard work accompanies success as a leaders, hunter, fisherman and provider
- e) Develop a sense of respect and care for their natural surroundings
- f) Learn domestic skills
- g) Understand and practice the virtues of sharing and cooperation
- h) See how humor and play are so important to subsistence activities
- i) Learn the importance of humility during subsistence activities
- j) Grow in their understanding of life’s spiritual connectedness, and how that connectedness impacts their success as a leader, hunter, fisherman and gatherer, as well as their ability “to be full” as a human being
- k) Understand their role in the Yup’ik “way of doing things” and develop a sense of responsibility to their culture’s continuation
- l) As future leaders develop an understanding that they will play a role in protecting wildlife and habitat in our region

Eek Culture Camp Schedule:
Dates: Tuesday, July 9 to Monday, July 15, 2019
Location: Eek, Alaska

Who is Eligible?
This camp is open to 7th or 8th grade students from the Kuspuk and Yupiit School Districts.
CULTURE CAMP
STUDENT APPLICATION
STUDENT INFORMATION & PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM
July 9-15, 2019

Please Email completed application to tonia.jimmie@calistacorp.com or fax to (907) 275-2936. Please mail original application postmarked by Friday, March 8, 2019. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered or reviewed.

Calista Education and Culture, Inc.
Attn: Tonia Jimmie, Culture Camp Manager
5015 Business Park Blvd, Ste 3000
Anchorage, AK 99503

In order for your child to participate in the Culture 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 in order for us to continue our process of considering your child to be one of the Culture Camp Students.

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Description of anticipated Culture Camp Activities:
I understand that my child, named above, wishes to be considered for the Culture Camp experience and I hereby give my permission for him/her to participate in that capacity, if accepted by the Culture 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 Culture 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 Culture Camp activities.

PRINT NAME OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

SIGNATURE

DATE

Questions? Call (907) 275-2825 and ask for Tonia Jimmie (Tonia.jimmie@calistacorp.com) or Write to: Calista Education and Culture, 5015 Business Park Blvd, Ste 3000, Anchorage, AK 99503
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July 9-15, 2019

*Completed by a teacher who knows you.*
Why do you think this student is a good candidate for the summer Cultural Camp?

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PRINT NAME OF TEACHER

SIGNATURE

DATE

Parent expectation of Culture Camp and possible suggestions for camp activities.

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PRINT NAME OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

SIGNATURE

DATE
Why are you interested in participating in the Culture Camp?

PRINT NAME OF STUDENT ___________________________   SIGNATURE ___________________________   DATE _____________

Application checklist: All pages must be filled out completely.

_____ 1) Student Application and Parental Consent Form  
_____ 2) Recommendation Form  
_____ 3) Student Essay

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