



Teacher Application 2025 Yuuyaraq Cultural Immersion Camps

Yuuyaraq is a term meaning “the way of being” encompassing social/familial interactions, traditional knowledge pertaining to subsistence and environmental activities, philosophy for a good life, self-awareness, language, and our relationship to our surroundings. And, so much more.

The Yuuyaraq Cultural Immersion Camps provide an opportunity for 1st and 2nd year teachers in the Calista Region to learn the Yuuyaraq curriculum alongside 7th and 8th grade students. Yuuyaraq teaches Yup’ik/Cup’ik culture and history, traditions, and values emphasizing the importance of protecting and respecting the environment in the Calista Region. The camps provide a rich opportunity for new teachers to learn directly from Elders, experience hands-on cultural orientation, increase cultural knowledge and awareness, and improve pedagogical knowledge while working with Yup’ik students and families.

Although this experience is a brief immersion into Yup’ik/Cup’ik culture we are hopeful participants will gain a new perspective of the Yup’ik culture and Yugtun (Yup’ik) language and leave with a new passion for learning, while living and teaching in one of our communities.

Yuuyaraq Cultural Immersion Camp Schedule:

Three (9) day camps will take place to introduce Yuuyaraq. The camps include a **one-day** Teacher Orientation in Anchorage, Alaska, followed by travel to our remote campsite location for the duration of camp.

One (5) day Fall Camp will be held in September 2025, at Camp Gorsuch in Mirror Lake, located outside of Anchorage. The dates of this event will be determined later.

Please select the dates of the camp you would prefer to attend:

Camp 09 – Umkumiut: June 4-11, 2025

Camp 10 – Yukon Area: June 20-27, 2025 (*KWN backup location*)

Camp 11 – Quinhagak: July 8-15, 2025

First choice: Second choice:

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Who is Eligible?

This camp is open to 1st and 2nd year teachers in the Yupiit School District (YSD), Lower Kuskokwim School District (LKSD) and Lower Yukon School District (LYSD).

TEACHER INFORMATION

FIRST NAME	MI	LAST NAME		
EMAIL ADDRESS				
ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP
VILLAGE/COMMUNITY ASSIGNED		CELL PHON	HOME PHONE	GENDER
EMERGENCY CONTACT		PHONE	RELATIONSHIP	



TEACHER ESSAY

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

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Application checklist: All pages must be filled out completely.

- Teacher Application
- Teacher Essay

Completed applications can be scanned and emailed to monica.prince@calistacorp.com. Forms may also be faxed to (907) 275-2936, or submitted via mail to:

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