



CALISTA EDUCATION & CULTURE, INC

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2020-2021 Cultural Immersion Camp at Umkumiut 7th - 8th Grade Student Application

What are Cultural Immersion Camps?

The 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 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. *Considering the COVID-19 Pandemic, the project had made changes in the process of student participation. Normally, the students would attend Cultural Immersion Camp then work with the Student Mentor throughout the school year and complete their student cultural projects. This year of 2020-2021, the students will work with the Student Mentor throughout the school year, then attend the summer Cultural Immersion Camp in June of 2021.*

Cultural Immersion 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

Umkumiut Cultural Immersion Camp

Dates: June 2021

Location: Near Toksook Bay, Alaska

Who is Eligible?

7th or 8th grade students (academic year fall 2020 and spring 2021) from LKSD School Districts

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CULTURAL IMMERSION CAMP STUDENT APPLICATION STUDENT INFORMATION & PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM

Complete and submit your application by email to dora.moore@calistacorp.com or fax it to 907-275-2936 and please mail hard copy postmarked by August 31, 2020.

Calista Education & Culture, Inc.
Attn: Dale Smith
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For your child to participate in the 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 to continue the process of considering your child to be one of the Cultural Immersion Camp Students.

STUDENT FIRST NAME		MI	STUDENT LAST NAME		
AGE	CURRENT GRADE	GENDER		DATE OF BIRTH	
PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN		WORK PHONE	HOME PHONE		CELL PHONE
RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP

Description of anticipated Cultural Immersion Camp Activities:

I understand that my child, named above, wishes to be considered for the Cultural Immersion Camp experience and I hereby give my permission for him/her to participate in that capacity, if accepted by the 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 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 Cultural Immersion Camp activities.

PRINT NAME OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE DATE

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Parent expectation of Cultural Immersion Camp and possible suggestions for camp activities.

PRINT NAME OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

SIGNATURE

DATE

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CULTURAL IMMERSION CAMP STUDENT APPLICATION STUDENT ESSAY

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

PRINT NAME OF STUDENT

SIGNATURE

DATE

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Application checklist: All pages must be filled out completely. Please include a recommendation letter from a community member.

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

Mail to:

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