



Native Village of Chuathbaluk Youth Environmental Mentorship Project

Project Description:

Native Village of Chuathbaluk received a CEDP grant to send 3 youth to an environmental camp to learn leadership so that these youth will return home to their village with new skills to promote and encourage other youth in the community to get engaged in environmental projects.

Why this Project will assist Other Tribes:

Many communities face and ask the same question: “How do we keep our youth engaged?” This project will demonstrate how a community can get their youth excited and “*wanting*” to be involved environmental activities and actions within their village besides seeing environmental involvement only as getting a prize during spring clean-up; then losing interest until the next spring.

How this Project will assist Other Communities:

The mentorship activity steps will be documented and shared with others. The student essays that will be written will be shared via social media which the youth today are more inclined to use and “take notice” of what others are doing, which may provoke similar positive actions in their community or schools. The essays will also be disseminated via “conventional” avenues such as email, newsletters, local school district outreach announcements, and our website.

Workplan elements completed:

- N/A Project will begin February 1, 2014.

Community Education/Involvement Activities Taken:

- Community and school announcement was made about the grant award. The teachers have noticed improved efforts in school by some of the students. The selected students to travel to the environmental leadership will be selected based on demonstrating good attitude, improved grades and overall leadership potential.