

Native Village of Chuathbaluk



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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.

Results:

- 4 Youths attended Environmental Leaders Summer Camp in Alabama.
- Youth have presented at Community events.
- Youth presented on Climate Change at Youth & Elders Conference at AFN.
- Youth applied to attend AYEA conference in Juneau (2015)
- "Future Leaders" video filmed.

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