

NATIVE AMERICAN FISH & WILDLIFE SOCIETY

NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS SUMMER YOUTH PRACTICUM



**COUNSELOR APPLICATION**

**DETAILS:**

We at the NAFWS are accepting applications for counselors for the 2020 National Native American Environmental Awareness Summer Youth Practicum (SYP). This year's SYP will be held at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado from July 19 to July 25, 2020.

The SYP is designed to provide Native American and/or Alaskan Native students (incoming 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) an opportunity to gain hands-on and in-lecture experience in the interdisciplinary components of natural resource management and Indigenous knowledge. One of the goals of the Society is to educate Native American and/or Alaskan Native youth to understand the importance of professional natural resource management and the interconnectedness to culture, as well encourage them to continue their education and pursue careers in the natural resource fields.

**APPLICATION COMPONENTS:**

The complete counselor application includes counselor application, 2 references and signed counselor contract. For more information contact AND/OR to send complete applications to:

Ashley Carlisle, Education Coordinator

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The application closing date is April 27, 2020 at 11:59 PM MST. Only complete applications will be considered.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

You will oversee group of incoming 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade Native American and/or Alaskan Native students from around the country. You will help keep them on schedule, participate and learn while working with

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NAFWS staff and other counselors to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience. Counselors also offer support, guidance and encouragement to students.

#### **DUTIES:**

- Attend and assist at the National SYP in Estes Park, Colorado including staff meetings
- May or will serve as an instructor
- Present at the National SYP and possibly the National Conference of experiences
- Aid in maintaining documents concerning SYP participants
- Help in logistical arrangements for the SYP
- Complete an individual bio and submit profile photo for the youth website
- Complete and submit an evaluation of the SYP
- Other duties as assigned.

#### **SUPERVISION**

- The applicant is under the direct supervision of the Education Coordinator.

#### **PHYSICAL DEMANDS**

The majority of the work time will be spent on the YMCA of the Rockies facilities and the outdoors. A minimum of 20 pounds may be required to be lifted. Counselors must be able to perform physical activities associated with outdoor recreation and camping.

#### **UPON SELECTION:**

##### **Background Check:**

Counselors will be subject to a background check due to working with persons under the age of 18. Background checks will be administered and will be requested once the selection is made. Also, counselors must have a valid driver's license.

##### **Forms:**

The Education Coordinator will also send a counselor packet to be filled and submitted. Forms will cover the background check, emergency contacts, packing list, lesson plan templates and etc.

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APPLICATION for COUNSELORS

FULL LEGAL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (mobile &/or home): \_\_\_\_\_

SS#: \_\_\_\_\_ TRIBAL AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATION (list schools attended, graduation year, major and minor):

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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CURRENT JOB POSITION:

\_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_ START DATE (month, year): \_\_\_\_\_

WORK ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

I AM CURRENTLY A NAFWS MEMBER:                      YES                      NO

T-SHIRT SIZE (CIRCLE):      XS      S      M      L      XL      XXL

ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, PLEASE TYPE A SHORT 250 - 400 WORD ESSAY TO ANSWER:

- Tell us about yourself! Who are you? Where you from? Hobbies? Favorite outdoor activity?
- Why would you like to be a counselor?
- What skills and experiences would you hope to gain as a counselor?
- What is something that you think is critical in encouraging Native youth to go into natural resources? Why?

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REFERENCE 1:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

REFERENCE 2:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT AND GET THIS APPLICATION? (TRIBAL NATURAL RESOURCE DEPT., WEBSITE, FACEBOOK, NAFWS MEMBER, FRIEND, COLLEAGUE, EMAIL, POSTED, ETC): \_\_\_\_\_

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**COUNSELOR CONTRACT**

Counseling at the SYP is a great opportunity and requires responsibility and assume certain obligations.

**Counselor: I, \_\_\_\_\_, as part of the Native American Environmental Awareness Summer Youth Practicum accept the conditions stipulated below:**

1. The duration of the contract is from Sunday July 19, 2020 – Saturday July 25, 2020.
2. I will participate and be on time to all sessions, activities and staff meetings, unless excused.
3. I will conduct myself in a respectful and courteous as a representative of my Tribe.
4. I understand that I am to be a role-model to Native youth and they are my responsibility. I am responsible for their safety and well-being.
5. I will have an assigned group of four – six students under my direct supervision.
6. I understand that bullying and/or hazing (physical, verbal, emotional, sexual, mental) is not acceptable and may have legal consequences.
7. I will abide by the same official rules made by NAFWS and YMCA of the Rockies as the students.
8. I will sleep where assigned and realize that I may be with people I have never met.
9. I understand that I am not allowed to leave the facilities or area of the SYP.
10. I will not use, bring or attain drugs or alcohol during the SYP.
11. I understand that I may be held responsible for any damage to SYP equipment or facilities.
12. I understand that it is NOT the NAFWS' responsibility for any loss or stolen items.
13. I understand that during SYP sessions and activities, I will not wear or have visible (i.e. earphones hanging from shirt collar) any headphones, earphones, and/or air pods.
14. I understand that no visitations from family, friends, etc. is NOT allowed during the entirety of the SYP.
15. I understand that there will be no smoking nor vaping allowed, tobacco will or may be used for Traditional purposes only, and that by signing this contact, I will agree to refrain from smoking for that period.
16. I will with my utmost ability make the SYP experience fun, safe, positive and encouraging for the SYP participants.
17. I am responsible for my own health coverage.
18. I am responsible for all-applicable state and federal withholding taxes and no other benefits will be provided by the society.
19. The NAFWS will provide lodging from 6pm of July 19, 2020 to 10am of July 25, 2020.
20. The NAFWS will provide 3 meals/day starting with dinner on July 19, 2020 to lunch on July 25, 2020.
21. The NAFWS will pay a \$400 stipend per counselor in the SYP and up to \$600 for travel to and from the SYP host site.
22. I understand that a background check will be conducted as part of the application process once selections are made.
23. I will adhere to these and all other rules of the SYP and the YMCA of the Rockies.

Counselor, I have read, understand and accept all the conditions above:

Signature of Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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